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Peter Hazelhurst bids an ironic farewell to India, P6

Mr Foot threatens to quit if penal pay powers are used

Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, clearly hinted in the Commons last night that he would resign from the Government if a penal reserve powers Bill is introduced to reinforce the £6 pay limit policy. The Government's counter-inflation White Paper was approved by 262 votes to 54, a government majority of 208. The Conservatives abstained. A Tory motion, supporting the attack on inflation but regretting that it did not go far enough was defeated by 327 votes to 269, a government majority of 58.

208 majority for White Paper

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
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Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, gave a clear warning to his Cabinet colleagues in the Commons last night that he will not remain in the Government if the unpublished Reserve Powers Bill, which is to be held in draft form unless the counter-inflation strategy looks like collapsing, is introduced.

In a noisy winding-up to the two-day debate on the Government's White Paper, *The Attack on Inflation*, he indicated that his reluctant agreement to the present strategy had been gained because of his conviction that the nation was facing "an economic typhoon of unparalleled ferocity".

The Conservative amendment to the government motion asking for the White Paper to be approved was defeated by 327 votes to 269; government majority 58. The amendment supported the attack on inflation but regretted that it did not go far enough.

As the debate drew to its close and the jeers and cheers echoed about Mr. Foot the Secretary of State said the secret Bill would make it an offence for employers to pay above a particular figure. It would hardly be sensible to deny that that was a statutory policy.

"If in fact such Reserve Powers Bill were to be introduced I would certainly have great difficulties", Mr Foot said. "If such a Bill were introduced I would hardly be the proper person to do it."

It would be much opposed to what he had been arguing for many years. But he trusted and believed that it would never be introduced.

In an attempt to excuse the Government for not publishing the measure, Mr Foot said nothing would be more offensive to proper constitutional practice than so come forward with an unpassed Bill and to brandish it in the face of the Commons and the country.

The White Paper was then approved by 262 votes to 54, government majority 208. The division on the main motion was forced by the *Tribune* group of left-wing Labour MPs, with Mr Russell Kerr and Mr Ian Mikardo acting as tellers for the group. The Conservatives abstained on the motion.

Earlier, in a powerful speech loudly acclaimed on both sides of the House, Mr Heath called unequivocally on all MPs to support the counter-inflation policy. It was essential that the Government should pursue that policy, he said.

Speaking for only the second time in the House since he lost the leadership of the Conservative Party, Mr Heath got a more enthusiastic response from both Labour and Conservative MPs than any of the speakers from the front benches. His directness contrasted strikingly with the indecision of the Tory leadership on the correct attitude to take.

He said the House should unequivocally agree to embark on the incomes strategy set out in the White Paper, *The Attack on Inflation*. With inflation at 26 per cent a month and still rising, with rising unemployment, with a Budget deficit of as much as £12,000m and with loans in danger of drying up, it was inevitable and inescapable that the Government must do what it was doing.

Only a few moments before, Sir Geoffrey Howe, shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, had starkly outlined the disarray in the Shadow Cabinet. The Conservatives would not vote for the White Paper; on the other hand, they would not vote against it; they would vote for their amendment to the government motion asking for a White Paper to be approved.

Mr Wilson, opening for the Government, added little to the sum of knowledge on the inflation strategy.

But Mr Heath best caught the mood of the House. At times, as though he was calling for some sort of coalition of all men of good will, he said that success against inflation required consent not just from the trade unions, the CBI and the Government, but from the great majority of the people who did not belong to unions or who did not take part in CBI activities.

It should be brought home to the people that a reduction in living standards would be between 5 and 10 per cent. That was an enormous amount to demand, but he believed that the nation would accept it if it was explained that it was essential for the survival of its economy.

Mr Heath predicted that uninformed workers, having accepted £6 as a pay rise limit, would find early in the new year that the rise in prices had exceeded that figure, and would turn to the Government and say they had been misled.

The country also ought to be told that unemployment would continue to rise to about a million and a half during next year.

The debate on the crisis of inflation, Mr Heath said, should be lifted up to a level at which people could see that the future of their whole standard of living was at stake.

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Ministers spurn new Lisbon Cabinet

Lisbon, July 22.—Three Portuguese ministers have handed in their resignations and declined to take part in the government being formed, a spokesman for General Vasco Gonçalves, the left-wing Prime Minister, said today.

The most important of the three was Dr Antonio de Almeida Santos, the Overseas Minister, whose chief task was to dismantle Portugal's colonial empire after the army coup which toppled 50 years of right-wing dictatorship last year.

The others were Dr Jose da Silva Lopes, the External Trade Minister, and Colonel José Augusto Fernandes, Minister for Social Welfare and the Environment.

Dr Almeida Santos, a wealthy lawyer, and Dr Silva Lopes, who served as Finance Minister in the two previous governments, are independents with socialist sympathies. Colonel Fernandes is a friend of General Gonçalves and joined the government when he formed his first Cabinet last July.

The resignations were a new blow to the military's efforts to form the fifth provisional government since April last year. Earlier the socialists had snubbed offers of a place in the new Cabinet.

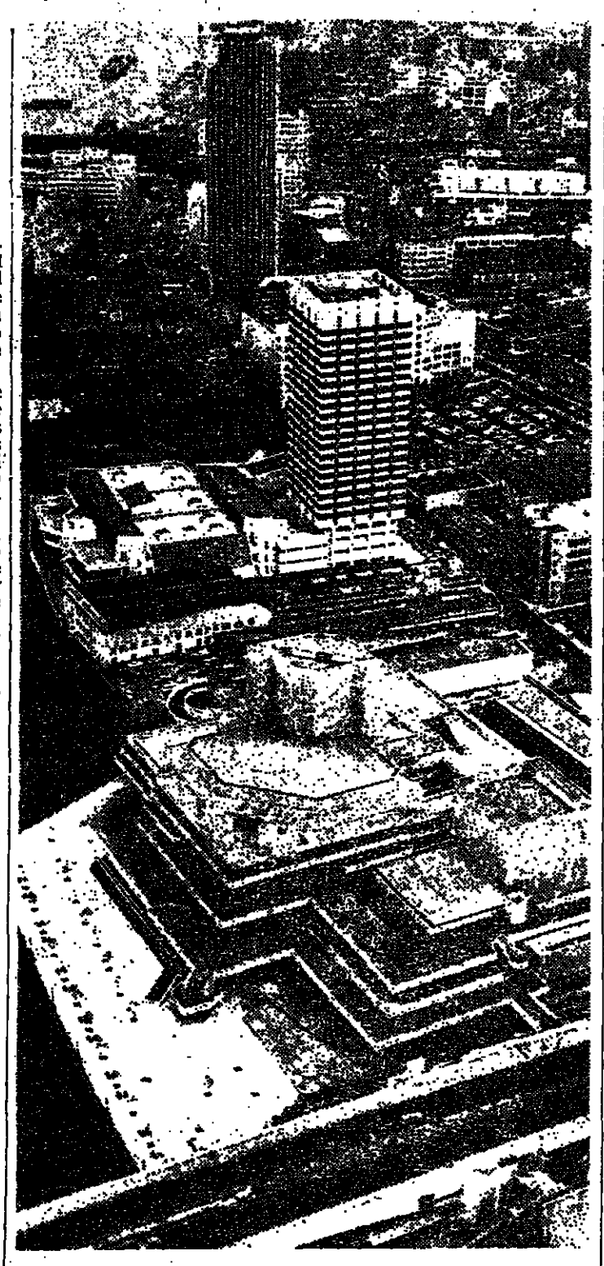
The Government crisis came at the same time as a new anti-communist outburst in the conservative north. In Alcobaca, 80 miles north of Lisbon, two people were wounded by shots when several hundred demonstrators attacked the local communist party headquarters. Troops fired into the air and used tear gas to evacuate communist officials disguised as soldiers.

The Supreme Revolutionary Council, meeting until early this morning, appealed for calm as attacks on Communist Party offices were reported in three other northern towns, Castelo Branco, Minde and Val de Cambra. A council communiqué warned the nation that such incidents could endanger the revolution.

The Portuguese press said today that troops were patrolling the streets of Angra de Heroismo, the main city on the island of Terceira, in the Azores, after a wave of anti-communist demonstrations and growing activity by underground separatist movements.

The United States has a key air base on Terceira. The Azores have shown increasing disenchantment with the confused political situation on the mainland.—Reuter.

Troops ready in Angola, page 5



Aerial view of the new National Theatre on the South Bank of the Thames by Waterloo Bridge.

Telephone services' loss of £170m tops postal deficit

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Britain's once profitable telephone services last year made bigger losses than the troubled postal services. That will be the most striking feature of the Post Office Corporation's annual report when it is published next week, covering the year ended March, 1975.

The overall corporation deficit on all services is almost £307m, more than double the previous record loss of £128.1m in 1973-74. I understand that the telecommunications side, which once made profits between £50m and £94m a year, has made a loss of well over £170m, surpassing even the postal deficit, expected to be about £128m.

It is being admitted within the Post Office that the big increase in demand for telephones is over and people have not been using them intensively enough to help revenue, in spite of past price restraint. The result is that manning levels, which had been progressively reduced with the introduction of newer and more expensive equipment, are out of line.

The hope is that two substantial price increases in the current financial year, with internal economies, will put the telecommunications services back in credit and so be better able to sustain the previous commitments to a huge capital modernization programme. However, tariff increases might depress demand and cut revenues.

The gloomy annual report will be relieved by only one cheerful item of news: that the National Giro has moved into profit, thanks to determined management, well ahead of the target dates for profitability.

The corporation's combined loss of £306.7m for 1974-75 means that the Post Office has recorded a total deficit of £500m over its past three financial years. In 1972-73 it sustained its first overall loss for 16 years, with the blame placed on Whitehall requests for price restraint.

The deficit to be announced next week will be offset by a large compensation payment from the Treasury. It has, however, put a limit of £70m on its support for the current financial year, disregarding any decision that may be taken on payments towards the deficiency in the corporation's pension fund.

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Mr John Silkin urged to leave Cabinet

By Peter Hennessy

While Mr Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, is facing his criticis tonight at the meeting of the Newham, North-east, Labour Party general management committee that will decide his future as an MP, across the Thames in Deptford his colleague Mr John Silkin, Minister for Planning and Local Government, will face a demand that he should resign from the Cabinet in protest at the White Paper *The Attack on Inflation*.

Unlike Mr Prentice, Mr Silkin is not expected to experience any difficulty in satisfying most members of his general management committee when he presents his parliamentary report to its monthly meeting. Mr John Wheeler, a Lewisham councillor, has announced that he will propose a motion of non acceptance after Mr Silkin's report.

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Egypt puts off decision on UN buffer force

Cairo, July 22.—President Sadat of Egypt tonight put off a response to a Security Council appeal to permit United Nations peace-keeping forces to remain in the Sinai desert.

In a televised speech Mr Sadat said he would study the situation from all its aspects before reaching a decision.

The mandate of the United Nations buffer force in Sinai expires on Thursday and Egypt has said it will not renew it unless there is progress towards peace with Israel.

While President Sadat said the United Nations forces could not remain without Egypt's approval it seemed evident that they would be able to stay on temporarily while Egypt considers the situation.

The Security Council's appeal was conveyed to him at dawn today, Mr Sadat said. "We are studying the situation from its aspects", he said "I shall inform you of my decision after conferring with the Egyptian National Security Council."

The peace-keeping force, numbering about 4,000 men, was established after the October, 1973, Middle East war to patrol the narrow no-man's land between Egyptian and Israeli troops east of the Suez Canal.

Egypt has accused Israel of using this force to preserve the status quo in which Israeli forces occupy large parts of Egypt, Syria and Jordan captured in 1967.

Mr Sadat said Egypt was in a strong position to negotiate, but would fight if it had to go regain the occupied territory. "If it is in our high interest to fight, we shall fight and if it is in our high interest to make peace, we shall make peace", he said.

Egypt's decision is likely to depend largely on progress towards a new troop disengagement agreement with Israel. It was lack of progress in these negotiations, and Egypt's belief that Israel was negotiating in bad faith, that led Egypt not to renew the United Nations mandate.—Reuter.

Mr Crossman intended to ignore rules on disclosure, court told

By a Staff Reporter

Richard Crossman intended to drive a coach and horses through the accepted practices governing the publication of ministers' memoirs, Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, said in the High Court yesterday. He said Mr Crossman intended to ignore the existing practices rather than to use his influence to have them changed.

The Attorney General was seeking an injunction to stop publication of Mr Crossman's diary either in book form or as extracts in *The Sunday Times*.

He told Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice: "It is agreed that there are classes of information which should not be disclosed". The issues were: how wide the classes entitled to protection were; how long that protection should last; and whether the courts had the power to provide even the minimum degree of protection from disclosure that they might hold necessary in the public interests.

The Attorney General asked: "Have the courts power to protect the trade secrets of the board room, the confidences of marriage, the correspondence between client and professional adviser, the identities of the victims of blackmail, but not the confidential discussions on high matters of state around the Cabinet table, between minister and minister, or between minister and adviser?"

Mr Silkin said the diaries were unique. They were, as Mr Crossman had said, "designed to reveal the secret places of British politics".

Yet during his lifetime Mr Crossman had also apparently intimated that he would observe the rules for the publication of ministers' memoirs. Mr Silkin quoted from a letter in 1971 to Lord Trend, the Secretary of the Cabinet in which Mr Crossman spoke of submitting material for the necessary clearance.

When *The Sunday Times* started publishing extracts from the diaries clearance had not been given, but Mr Silkin said substantial regard had been paid to the rules expressed by Sir John Hunt, Secretary of the Cabinet, and it was decided not to bring proceedings against the newspaper.

Extracts were sent to Sir John each week for his views, but as the instalments proceeded, the Attorney General said, *The Sunday Times* paid steadily less regard to Sir John's observations. In the penultimate instalment the newspaper had complied "only to a minimal degree" with Sir John's advice, and there had been no doubt that proceedings would have been taken, except that it was the penultimate extract and the final instalment was known to be relatively innocuous.

The case continues today.

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Opposition boycotts Upper House in Delhi

Delhi, July 22.—Opposition members walked out of the Upper House of the Indian Parliament today after saying they felt the present session was in no position to discharge the function of a free and democratic parliament.

A statement read out on behalf of seven Opposition groups and four independents by Mr N. G. Goray, the socialist leader, made clear they were boycotting the remainder of the one-week session. He was heard in total silence when he spoke only minutes after the ruling Congress Party, supported by the Communist Party of India, approved the declaration of internal emergency by 136 votes to 33.

The Opposition in the Lower House is expected to adopt similar tactics on its vote on the emergency tomorrow.—Reuter.

Peter Hazelhurst writes from Karachi: Assertions by Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, that she had been forced to invoke emergency decrees to counter a right-wing attempt to overthrow the government were belied in Parliament in yesterday's debate by Marxist members who claimed they had recently been released from detention to create the impression that the Administration had not moved against her left-wing opponents.

Accusing the Prime Minister of assuming dictatorial powers, Mr A. K. Gopalan, the Communist Party (Marxist) leader, told the emergency session of parliament that he and other Marxists had been arrested but recently released to "create the impression that the emergency was aimed at rightists and not the leftists".

In another bitter attack on Mrs Gandhi Mr Somnath Chatterjee, who opposed a Government motion suspending the rules of the House, said the crisis had developed "because one person's difficulties had been equated with the country's difficulties".

Under censorship regulations the speeches by Mr Chatterjee and Mr Gopalan were blanked out in the local press. Both of the staunch left-wing leaders in Parliament derided Mrs Gandhi's contention. Mr Gopalan said that while he and the veteran Communist leader from Kerala, Mr E. M. S. Namboodripad were released recently to attend Parliament, hundreds of Marxists are still under arrest.

The Lower House vote is expected to result in another big majority for the Government.

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Bomb explosion at home of 'Le Monde' editor

A bomb, apparently planted by a fascist organization, exploded yesterday outside the home of M Jacques Fauvet, editor of *Le Monde*, in Paris. No one was injured, but the incident resembled another bomb attack a month ago which killed M Bernard Cabanes, deputy editor of Agence France-Presse. The Paris Newspaper Proprietors' Association and the French National Union of Journalists have condemned the attack; M Michel Debré, the former Prime Minister, declared that it threatened democracy

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Senator Fanfani quits as party leader

Senator Fanfani, for long the most powerful personality in Italian politics, resigned last night as secretary of the Christian Democrats after a party vote went against him.

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Solzhenitsyn snub

Mr Solzhenitsyn, the exiled Russian writer, yesterday refused President Ford's belated invitation to meet him. He cited as his reason the fact that the President will soon sign the European security agreement, which would be "the betrayal of eastern Europe, to acknowledge officially its slavery forever"

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Old people's homes

A review of the recommended design of old people's homes has begun with the report, published yesterday, of the inquiry into the fire at Fairfield Home where 18 residents died in December. Mrs Castle told the Commons that new guidance to authorities will pay particular attention to buildings with extensive voids in roof spaces or other parts

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Apollo back tomorrow

The last chapter in the Apollo-Soyuz story will be written tomorrow when the American space craft splashes down west of Hawaii

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Stonehouse statement to MPs 'not needed'

Mr George Strauss, MP, chairman of the Commons select committee set up to examine the position of Mr John Stonehouse, MP, says the Commons does not need to hear a personal statement from Mr Stonehouse

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Threat to research

The future of medical research is threatened by universities' financial difficulties, the Medical Research Council says in its annual report. It says universities are obliged to pay more attention to teaching than research, but an end to the dual support system is unlikely

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The principles that guide the broadcasting media cause much public anxiety, the Church of England says in a submission to the Annan committee. It calls for higher television standards

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Miss Onassis weds Greek shipowner's son

Athens, July 22

Miss Christina Onassis, aged 24, who inherited one of the world's biggest shipping fortunes, was married today to Mr Alexander Andreadis, the son of a wealthy Greek businessman.

The Greek Orthodox ceremony was held in a small chapel at the foot of Mount Hymettus.

The bride wore a cream-coloured gown and a gold cross studded with rubies. She was attended by her aunt, Mrs Artemis Garoufalias.

Mrs Jacqueline Onassis, the bride's step-mother, was among the score of members of the two families

The couple's marriage plans had been kept secret until yesterday. The honeymoon will be brief, as Mr Andreadis is doing his military service and has only four days' leave.

The crowd of 500 who gathered outside the chapel called out "Jackie, Jackie" to Mrs Onassis

European Assembly gains more rights over budget

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, July 22

Foreign ministers of the European Community signed an agreement in Brussels today giving the European Parliament increased control over the Community's budget. The agreement became possible after the British and Danes had lifted long-standing objections to the Parliament's new powers.

The most important change in the present position is that the Parliament, which is elected by national parliaments, will now be able to reject by a two-thirds vote of more than half its members the entire draft annual budget of the EEC and ask for a new draft to be submitted to it.

Although the Parliament would be unlikely to exercise this right in practice, it is considered an important legal and symbolic step towards the strengthening of its budgetary and other powers vis-a-vis the Council of Ministers and the European Commission.

Under the arrangements agreed today, the Parliament also be able to call on the services of a new institution, the European Court of Auditors, which will examine the EEC's revenue and expenditure and submit an annual report to all the Community's institutions. The court's members will be chosen by the Council of Ministers after consultation with the Parliament.

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HOME NEWS

Mr Benn questions Cabinet collective code of responsibility

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

Mr Wedgwood Benn, who has studiously maintained a low profile since becoming Secretary of State for Energy, is fighting an unpublicized battle over *Cabinet collective responsibility* on contentious issues of government policy. That is indicated by reports of remarks he made at a conference in Sheffield organized by the Institute of Workers Control.

Mr Benn, it will be recalled, was one of three ministers told by Mr Wilson to accept the code of ministerial responsibility or resign, after they had voted in favour of a Labour Party National Executive Committee resolution deploring the Government's decision to holding combined naval exercises with South Africa.

The three ministers later sent letters to the Prime Minister agreeing to conform to the collective responsibility edict, but at the weekend Mr Benn apparently gave his audience in Sheffield a revised version of his thoughts. He said that in view of the economic crisis Cabinet ministers who were also on the national executive should *be able to expound independent* views when the party was discussing long-term policy.

Mr Benn is chairman of the party's home policy committee, which is constantly presenting *new policies and modernizing* old ones for the approval of the national executive committee. An industrial policy strategy it recently approved will go before the national executive committee *today.*

He did not issue a copy of his Sheffield speech through Transport House—in fact, he has not issued any of his political speeches through the party machine since ceasing to be Secretary of State for Industry —but those who were present say that he did not elaborate on his proposal.

His comments will, of course, beg the question from some of his colleagues: what is current policy and what can be described as long-term policy? It is difficult to see how his proposal, if implemented, could make it easier for ministers when the views of a Labour government and the national executive committee clearly diverge.

Mr Benn, did, however, tell the conference that the Labour movement should support the Government. According to the only quotation appearing in a local newspaper, he said: "We *must aim to* influence constructively the Government and not destroy it, because it is the main instrument of working people in Britain."

MP cancels signature on Prentice appeal

By Our Political Staff

Mr Wilson's letter in support of Mr Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, who is in trouble with his constituency, has caused one of the earliest Labour backbench signatories to withdraw his name from the appeal for Mr Prentice signed by more than half the members of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich) said last night that he disagreed with Cabinet ministers supporting the appeal, particularly those who were on Labour's national executive committee, *which was the final court of* appeal, and that Mr Wilson's intervention was the last straw.

In a letter to Mr Sandelson, Labour MP for Hillingdon, Hayes and Harlington, who organized the collection of backbench signatures, Mr Barnett said:

I would be grateful if you would remove my name from the list of those who have signed the recent letter to the Newham Labour Party. When I originally signed it appeared to be a perfectly legitimate appeal by a group of backbenchers to the general management committee to exercise tolerance and bear Reg's parliamentary contribution in mind.

Now, however, that the numbers have been released to the press, members of the Cabinet have signed and the press has embarked on a vitriolic attack on the membership of the party itself, it is no longer a private appeal but the exertion of undue pressure on a constituency organization that should be allowed to make up its own mind what is the right thing for it to do.

Arrest: Mr Tony Kelly, the man at the centre of the attempt to oust Mr Prentice, was arrested yesterday on a warrant alleging more than £1,000 matrimonial arrears (the Press Association reports).

He was bailed to appear at East Ham Magistrates' Court tomorrow.



Mr Wilson and Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, with Dame Vera Lynn at a luncheon in her honour at the Savoy Hotel, London, yesterday. Diary, page 14.

Third largest union sees £6 rise as entitlement

By Our Labour Editor

Britain's third largest union decided yesterday to support the Government's income policy but rejected the Cabinet ruling that the £6 a week figure for pay rises was an upper limit and not an entitlement.

Leaders of the traditionally moderate General and Municipal Workers' Union promised active support to the recent White Paper, adding: "We recognize the seriousness of the economic situation, and the necessity to de-escalate the level of domestic inflation. Our whole economic future is dependent on the success of the policy."

But after a long meeting to consider the TUC's programme for redeveloping the social contract and the Government's counter-inflation measures, the union's general council said: "Our negotiators will be instructed to seek £6 increases for all our members, as a straight supplement to existing earnings. We expect all employers to agree to the £6 figure."

The union has many women members and negotiates in a large number of low-paid industries, although its instruction accords with the TUC's interpretation of the income policy, it *contradicts the words of the* White Paper and the Prime Minister's declaration that the £6 figure is a target that must be bargained for, and may not be reached in all cases. Mr Wilson has *told the Commons* that it is not an entitlement.

The municipal workers' policy decision came after the executive of the dominant *engineering section of the* Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers had agreed to conduct a two-month investigation to discover the impact on earnings of the March pay settlements in the industry.

The 1975 wage deal was in three stages, and gives skilled engineering workers £4 a week more on national minimum *rates in November, and another* £2 in February next year, with proportionate increases for other workers. Government figures published yesterday stated that nationally negotiated wage rates of manual workers in June stood at 32.2 per cent higher than the previous year.

Stonehouse statement in Commons unlikely

By Penny Symon
Political Staff

It is highly unlikely that Mr John Stonehouse, Labour MP for Walsall North, will make a personal statement in the Commons, because it is for the House to order his attendance and there are no plans for that.

Mr Stonehouse, who is in Brixton prison awaiting his *appearance before the* magistrate at Bow Street court next Monday, wrote to the Speaker asking him to consider his request to make a personal statement. The letter was read in the Commons on Monday, but the date of it was not announced, and it was presumed that it had been written by Mr Stonehouse while in Australia.

An MP is asked to attend the Commons only if the House needs him to do so for some reason, for instance, an appearance before a select committee.

"But in this case the House does not need him for anything, and is not likely to, so I do not see him making the statement", Mr George Strauss, Labour MP for Lambeth, Vauxhall, said. He is chairman of the select committee set up to examine Mr Stonehouse's position.

Mr Strauss, "Father of the House", said the committee had *made its report, which recommended* that a motion to expel him would be justified, in May and as far as he was concerned it had finished its work.

"We have done the job assigned to us by the House, and our work now ends, unless we have to be reconvened for any reason", he said. "It is a very fluid situation, but I cannot see the House wishing to hear this personal statement."

"We do not need to hear it, and the House would prefer that he goes ahead with his trial, rather than come to speak."

Mr Strauss said that if an MP was sentenced for a serious criminal offence, it was possible that he would be allowed to address the House when a motion to expel him was being debated. "This would be a matter of courtesy", he said.

Mr Stonehouse's allegation that refusal to grant him bail was on the instructions of the Attorney General and designed as a political act was rejected by Mr Strauss. "The Attorney General has no hand in the matter at all", he said. "It is entirely a question for the Director of Public Prosecutions".

Mac Stiofain IRA memoirs try to explain his motives

From Stewart Tendler
Dublin

Sean Mac Stiofain, once the most wanted man in Ireland, emerged yesterday in Dublin to launch his memoirs of the Provisional IRA and his time as their chief of staff. At a press conference he described *Memoirs of a Revolutionary* as an attempt to explain his motives.

Mr Mac Stiofain is now the manager of a dairy cooperative in co Meath, but he said he wanted nothing more than to go back to active service again. However, it seems that his attempts to rejoin have been refused. He declined to elaborate on his fall from grace after the hunger and thirst strike in a Dublin prison.

Asked about his time as leader of operations and about mistakes that may have been made, he said: "I am quite sure mistakes were made, but I was not personally involved in any operational mistakes".

At a time when the Provisional ceasefire rarely escapes a week without speculation on its future, the book provides some insight into the truce in 1972 that ended in a matter of weeks. Mr Mac Stiofain places the blame for its failure as much as anything on bad communications arrangements by *the British authorities.* The present intricate arrangement of incident centres and meeting points between the Provisionals and Stormont indicates that some lessons may have been learnt.

The book ranges from Mr Mac Stiofain's childhood as plain John Stephenson in London, his days in the RAF, the IRA in the 1950s, and on to the creation of the Provisionals. His connexions with Ireland came from his Irish mother, and his philosophy developed *into an anti-Communist nationalism* tinged by socialism.

Before the IRA split in 1969 he had become chief of intelligence, and he gives his version of the meeting when the two wings of the movement went their separate ways. He says the division with the officials came because "we were not prepared to reduce the IRA to a cog in a Marxist political machine. As revolutionaries we were automatically anti-capitalist. But we refused to have anything to do with the communist organization in Ireland".

There are many attacks on the failures of the Dublin Government and the tactics of the British. He suggests that the bombing at McGurk's Bar, in which 15 people died, was the work not of the IRA or "loyalists" but of the British authorities.

Surgeon 'tricked drug firm of £1,000'

A surgeon tricked Bayer UK Ltd, the pharmaceutical company, into paying him £1,000 by falsely claiming to have tested a new drug on a hundred patients, the Disciplinary Committee of the General Medical Council decided yesterday.

Mr John Sedgwick, of Lucas Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, was found guilty of serious professional *misconduct* for accepting the payment from Bayer, after falsely purporting *to have tested one of its drugs,* designed to treat hypertension, on 101 patients.

Sir John Richardson, the chairman, told Mr Sedgwick that the committee was satisfied that he had not carried out a genuine clinical trial.

Sir John said the committee had decided that it had been proved that between May 9 and *December 12, 1974, Mr Sedgwick* failed to render Bayer services that had been agreed; he nevertheless accepted payment of £1,000; and he therefore obtained financial benefit by deceiving Bayer.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Senior TUC delegation for key EEC committee

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The TUC will field a senior team at the key European Economic Community body on which it is entitled to claim representation, the Brussels-based economic and social committee.

The TUC General Council is almost certain to approve today a proposal from its international subcommittee that British trade unionists should be represented in Europe by a delegation of eight led by Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union and one of the most *vociferous opponents of United* Kingdom membership of the Community during the referendum campaign.

Mr Jones, chairman of the international subcommittee, will be joined by Lord Allen of Fallowfield, general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, Mr David Basnett of the General and Municipal Workers; Mr R. N. Bottini of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers; Lord Brigginshaw, former general secretary of Natsopa; Mr T. Parry of the Fire Brigades Union; Mrs Marie Patterson of the TGWU, this *year's chairman* of the TUC; and Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC.

The first meeting of the economic and social committee which the TUC is likely to attend is on September 25, which clashes with a meeting of the TUC General Council. The team is likely to travel to Brussels in the afternoon, after taking part in the post-Congress deliberations of the trade union movement's most influential policy-making body.

The clash highlights the difficulty of providing *top-quality* trade union leaders to participate in the working of the Community.

'Resign' call to John Silkin expected to fail

Continued from page 1

"We fought two elections on the basis of no incomes policy". Mr Wheeler said yesterday. "In the White Paper are the seeds of an incomes policy. This is not what I and a lot of my colleagues worked *for. The essence of my action* is to let Mr Silkin know how we feel."

Mr Wheeler, aged 32, an economist with a nationalized industry, has been a member of the Labour Party for 11 years and was chairman of the Deptford Labour party, 1972-73. He made clear that he wished Mr Silkin merely to vacate his seat in the cabinet, not to resign as MP for Deptford.

On Monday night Mr Silkin discussed tonight's meeting with his agent, Mr John Batterham. A spokesman for Mr Silkin said *yesterday that the minister* thought it perfectly proper for a member of his constituency party to raise such an issue, but felt that the matter should be discussed within the Deptford party before he made a statement.

Mr Batterham said yesterday that there was no possibility of Mr Wheeler's motion securing a majority. Mr Wheeler said the publicity given to tonight's meeting would ensure a larger turn-out than usual and the vote would probably go against him.

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'Home father' is cleared of sex charges

A part-time house father at a children's home who maintained that he was the victim of a children's conspiracy was cleared of 11 sex charges yesterday at the Central Criminal Court after a defence submission.

Donald Hosegood, aged 52, a technical instructor, living at a council home at Croydon, denied four charges of indecently assaulting two boys, one of committing and two of inciting boys to commit acts of gross indecency, two offences of inciting a girl to commit similar acts, and two charges of rape.

The Crown alleged that he raped a girl aged 15 at the home. Mr Hosegood told the police that she was a little sex maniac.

Drifting cloud of gas closes roads

From a Staff Reporter

The police at Stockport closed some roads late yesterday and advised parents to keep children indoors when a fault at a chemical works sent a small cloud of irritant gas drifting over a mile-square area.

The gas was described by an engineer at the Burrows dye works, which is in a mixed industrial and residential area near the town centre, as either sulphur trioxide or sulphur dioxide. He did not think it was dangerous but said it could *cause irritation to young or* old people.

The cloud came from two metal cylinders about 10ft high in the centre of the works where, the engineer said, a "runaway reaction" seemed to have taken place.

Vice-trial accused fail to stop TV documentary

By David Leigh

A television documentary about the plight of boys who drift into London was broadcast with minor cuts last night after a judge in chambers had refused an injunction sought by counsel for three men on trial at the Central Criminal Court.

The jury in the trial, whose *verdict, it was argued, might* have been prejudiced by the film, were still not allowed to see the cut version. Judge King Hamilton ordered them to spend the night under supervision in an hotel.

Three of four men accused of indecency offences involving boys, contended in the High Court that the Yorkshire Television documentary *Johnny Go Home* would prejudice their hearing.

Mr Justice Kerr, sitting in chambers refused an application by counsel for an injunction to *ban the two-hour programme,* after Yorkshire Television had *undertaken to make the cuts.* It was shown on commercial television from 9 o'clock last night.

At the Central Criminal Court, where the trial has been proceeding for six weeks, the judge told the jury that they would have to spend the night in an hotel under the supervision of court bailiffs. He *strongly urged the jury not to* ask friends and relations about the film.

The judge, counsel, and the defendants had watched a preview of the film on Monday.

The defendants, who felt "the film was unfair to their trial, were Andrew Novac, aged 29, a telephonist; Malcolm Raywood, aged 43, unemployed; and Basil Andrew-Cohen, aged 39, a driver. They deny charges on four counts of conspiracy to procure acts of gross indecency between males under 21; importuning; living on the earnings *of male prostitutes, and* indecent assaults.

Duke of Edinburgh makes apologies to farm advisers

The Duke of Edinburgh apologized yesterday for criticism he was reported to have made last week of the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service.

Addressing the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth at Aberystwyth last Thursday, he was reported to have said that the service was the biggest overhead that farming had to contend with and its members were the parasites of agriculture.

He was quoted as saying: "At such an enormous cost, they are the privileged people who are not prepared to do the work."

But yesterday, opening the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show at Builth Wells, he said: "Some people believe that my comments were somewhat too lively. I must admit they looked a good deal rougher in *cold print than they sounded* at the time I made them.

"I *want to take this opportunity* to assure members of the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service that my remarks were not directed at them. I know that the bulk of farmers look upon them as friends and welcome their advice.

"Unfortunately there is ample evidence that the process of agriculture is not properly understood by those not directly engaged in it. They seem to think that it must be made to work exactly like an urban, industrial manufacturing process and all that it needs is more research.

"They fail to understand that the state of agriculture depends upon the state of the individual farmer. He needs more than a reasonable price for his produce. He needs working capital as much as income. He needs confidence in the marketing system, and long-term security for himself, his family and his stock."

British women regain bridge lead

By Our Bridge Correspondent

Monday evening was a rest period in both the open and the Women's series of the European Bridge Championships at Brighton. When play was resumed yesterday Italy drew farther ahead in the open series with a 19—1 win over Iceland. France continues in second place after beating Denmark 12—8. Poland lost to Hungary 8—12 to drop a place to third. Norway has gone one point ahead of Britain after a win over Yugoslavia by 12—8 and Britain had a close match with The Netherlands, losing 9—11 after achieving a small half-time lead. Leading positions after 16 rounds:

1, Italy 348; 2, France 312; 3, Poland 308; 4, Norway 308; 5, Britain 301; 6, Israel 197; 7, Denmark 181; 8, Greece 180; 9, Portugal 173; 10, The Netherlands 167.

In the ninth round of the women's series Britain regained the leading position after beating Israel 18—2, and Italy, who had a bye, was credited with 12 points. Britain's bye comes in the thirteenth round. Leading positions after nine rounds:

1, Britain 158; 2, Italy 155; 3, Austria 127; Ireland 114; 5, Sweden 102; 6 equal, Spain and Denmark 93; 8, France 88.

Sixth death in guest-house fire

The death toll in the Scottish holiday guest house fire rose to six yesterday when a boy, aged two, died in hospital at Arbroath, Angus.

The fire which broke out late on Monday night, also claimed the lives of three generations of one family; Mr James Smith, aged 63, his wife, Mary, aged 61, daughter, Elizabeth, aged 31, and granddaughter, Lindin, aged five.

'Web-spinning' educational theorists criticized

A former president of the National Union of Teachers, Mr Max Morris, yesterday criticized "web-spinning" educational theorists who are always ready to teach teachers, rarely to *teach children. He also accused* the Black Papers of having a stultifying effect on education.

Mr Morris, Headmaster of Willesden High School, a large *London comprehensive, said in* a lecture at London University's Institute of Education: "Real issues in education are constantly neglected, while trendy sociologists spin their webs about education or politicians pursue their ulterior ends."

He condemned the "intellectual threadbare propaganda" of the "deschoolers, free-schoolers, and some of the community schoolers", who opposed organized education and believed state schools were merely cogs in the capitalist machine.

Such theorists had helped to create a situation in which confidence in education was being eroded, he said. Yet in their *childlike* innocence and intellectual arrogance they claimed to be progressive edutionists.

On the Black Papers, he said *that their basic assumption that* all educational change was bad was wrong. The insidious effect of the papers was that they seemed to demand high standards, but did so in a way that would effectively prevent the extension of that achievement to greater and greater numbers.

Continuity and change were the best recipe for educational advance, he said.

Left-moderate fight for key union post

By Our Labour Editor

The politically crucial election for the Midlands seat on the seven-man executive of the dominant engineering section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers will be a straight left-moderate fight.

Mr Robert Wright, aged 54, who unsuccessfully contended for the post of the union's general secretary against Mr John Boyd, faces a contest with Mr Terence Duffy, aged 52, assistant divisional organizer for Birmingham and the West Midlands. Nominations have closed.

This is Mr Wright's second fight to defend his executive seat but his contestant this time is a newcomer. On past form he should have a small majority.

East Sussex development proposal will concentrate growth on selected towns

By Our Planning Reporter

Growth in Brighton, Hove and Lewes should be re*strained, and expansion* concentrated in Eastbourne, Bexhill and Hastings, a new plan for East Sussex recommends.

The plan, which was debated by the council yesterday, *assumes that migration will in*crease the population from its present 660,000 to more than 737,000 by 1991. It expects money to be available for houses for the extra people, *but says that some places may* not be able to afford to raise standards of environment and services.

For Brighton, Hove and Lewes it advocates restricting employment and *traffic growth* and minimizing road construction, apart from a new east-west by-pass and links from that road to the ports.

On the other hand it supports continued growth in Eastbourne and Hailsham and calls for government help in the "substantial *expansion*" of Bexhill.

Hastings should be enabled to continue as a holiday resort and conference centre, it says, and should be encouraged in its *scheme to develop housing,* offices and industry in co-operation with the Greater London Council.

Elsewhere, development should be concentrated in small *towns* and selected villages, to reduce the cost of providing new services, and to protect the landscape, particularly the South Downs and High Weald. Positive conservation measures *should be increased, especially* in Brighton, Hastings, Hove, Lewes and Rye.

Proposals to restrict daytime traffic entering the central "citadel" area of Rye in the peak tourist months of June, July and August will be submitted for public comment during the week beginning next Tuesday.

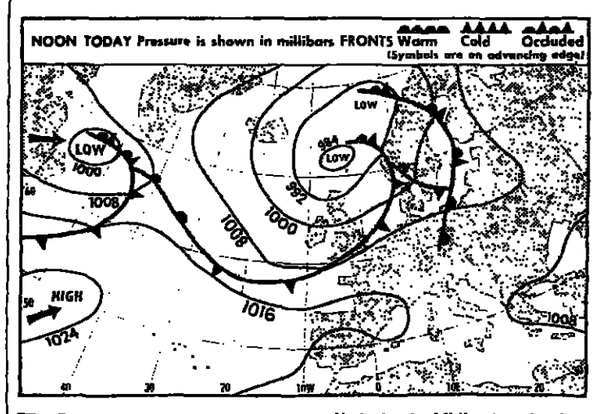
An experimental scheme would allow only residents' and disabled people's cars, and emergency, public utility and service goods vehicles through a single entrance at the Landgate arch, controlled by a traffic warden.

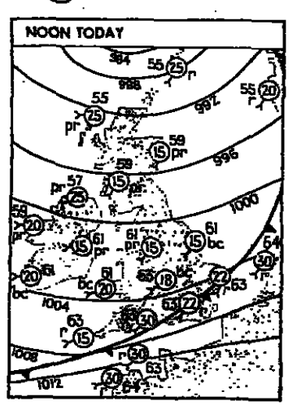
Dr Michael Klust, chairman of East Sussex Planning Committee, yesterday described the proposals, which include car parks for tourists and shoppers, as simple and easily implemented.

"Shopping will be pleasant for tourists and for local people, and the intrinsic qualities of Rye will be fully appreciated", he said.

County Structure Plan 1975. East Sussex County Council, Planning Department, 182 High Street, Lewes, Sussex, BN7 1YA. £1.50.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.10 am Sun sets: 9.3 pm
Moon sets: 5.36 am Moon rises: 8.44 pm
Full Moon: 6.28 am.
Lighting up: 9.33 pm to 4.42 am.
High water: London Bridge, 2.46 am, 6.7m (22.0ft); 3.3 pm, 6.7m (22.1ft). Avonmouth, 8.17 am, 12.4m (40.6ft); 8.38 pm, 12.7m (41.8ft). Dover, 12.11 pm, 6.3m (20.7ft). Hull, 7.2 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 7.36 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft). Liverpool, 12.21 pm, 8.6m (28.3ft).

A trough over central Britain will move SE during the day.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, Channel Islands, SE, central S, E England: Mostly cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 21°C (70°F).

SW England, S Wales: Mostly cloudy, occasional rain, patchy hill and coast fog; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 19°C (66°F).

N Ireland, Midlands, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, NW, Central N, NE England: Cloudy, rain at first, sunny intervals later; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 18°C (64°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Sunny periods, scattered showers; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 19°C (66°F).

SW, NW, NE Scotland, Argyll, Central Highlands, Glasgow: Sunny intervals, showery; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 16°C (61°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, showers; wind SW, fresh; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Showers, heavy in places, sunny intervals; cooler.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind, SW, strong, perhaps gale at times; sea rough or very rough.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW veering W, strong, locally gale at first; sea rough or very rough.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud, d, drizzle, f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

	C	F			C	F			C	F
Algiers	s	35	91	Cardiff	c	16	61	L Pennas	s	25	77	Nantes	f	27	81
Amsterdm	c	17	63	Cologne	r	22	72	Lisbon	s	21	75	Nice	s	27	81
Athens	s	29	84	Copenhgn	c	20	68	Locarno	s	25	77	Nicosia	s	33	91
Barcelona	c	25	77	Dublin	c	17	63	London	f	21	70	Oslo	c	17	63
Beirut	s	28	82	Edinburgh	c	19	66	Luxmbrg	f	27	81	Paris	s	22	72
Belfast	d	16	61	Florence	f	31	88	Madrid	s	31	88	Reykjavik	r	11	52
Berlin	s	24	75	Funchal	f	25	77	Majorca	s	31	88	Rome	s	29	84
Bermuda	f	29	84	Geneva	f	25	77	Malaga	s	29	84	Roskilde	c	16	61
Biarritz	f	21	70	Gibraltar	s	21	70	Malta	s	29	84	Stockhlm	th	21	70
Birmingham	c	17	63	Guernsey	c	16	61	Manchstr	c	16	61	Tel Aviv	s	29	84
Bristol	c	18	64	Helsinki	s	21	70	Miami	c	29	84	Toronto	s	26	79
Brussels	c	20	68	Innsbruck	c	22	72	Montreal	f	25	77	Venice	s	29	84
Budapest	f	24	75	Istanbul	f	30	86	Moscow	f	21	70	Vienna	s	23	73
Chicago	f	31	88	Jersey	s	16	61	Munich	c	21	70	Zurich	f	21	70

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, July 22

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	Max temp °F	
E COAST					
Scarborough	1.1	.05	18	64	Rain
Torlesion	2.8	.01	21	70	Cloudy
Clacton	5.6	—	22	72	Cloudy
Margate	5.3	—	23	73	Cloudy
S COAST					
Eastbourne	5.5	—	19	66	Sun ints
Brighton	7.2	.04	19	66	Sun ints
Worthing	6.1	—	20	68	Sun ints
Bognor R	8.6	—	20	68	Sun pds
Southsea	7.4	—	20	68	Sun pds
Bournemth	6.6	—	20	68	Sun ints
Falmouth	9.2	—	21	70	Sun ints
Torquay	4.0	—	21	70	Sun ints
Falmouth	7.6	—	20	68	Sun pds
W COAST					
Ninecastle	—	.85	17	63	Rain
Blackpool	—	.24	17	63	Rain
Newquay	8.8	—	19	66	Sun pds

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 22°C (72°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 14°C (57°C). Humidity 7 pm, 63 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, .01in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 3.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7pm, 1008.8 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 13; Belgium, BFr 25; Canaries, Pes 40; Denmark, DKr 3.75; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 2.80; Germany, DMk 2.00; Greece, Dr 55; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 450; Luxembourg, LF 20; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta, 3c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 30; Spain, Pes 55; Sweden, SKr 3.75; Switzerland, Sfr 2.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

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Ministers to hear plans to rescue fishing industry

By a Staff Reporter

Remedies for the state of the fishing industry will be recommended to Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, *and to the Secretary of State* for Scotland, after a meeting of fish and fishing trades in London yesterday.

Mr Charles Meek, chairman of the White Fish Authority, said on behalf of his authority and the Herring Industry Board, that the meeting was uniquely representative.

In the past, catchers, with the backing of the two statutory bodies, had put the industry's case, but yesterday's 84 delegates also represented boat builders, big processing firms, port and inland merchants, ice factories, road hauliers, fishmongers, fish fryers and consumers.

The recommendations would be made public after he had conveyed them to the ministers.

Subjects covered at the meeting included the need to refashion the EEC's common fisheries policy.

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Detection alarm system might have saved many in tragedy at fire-risk home for pensioners, report says

By Diana Geddes

Better fire detection equipment and fire-resisting ceilings and division walls might have reduced dramatically the number of fatalities at the Fairfield Home for the elderly at Edwalton, Nottinghamshire, on December 15, the committee of inquiry into the fire there says in its report, published yesterday. Eighteen of the 50 pensioners in the home died.

The committee of inquiry set up by the Secretary of State for Social Services, with Mr Kenneth Jupp, QC, as chairman, says the fire cannot be ascribed to any single cause. It was the result of a coincidence of factors for which no one person or body was directly to blame.

But the report makes clear that the special design of Fairfield Home, built in 1961 using the Consortium of Local Authorities Programme (Clasp) system, was a big contributory factor to the size of the tragedy.

The light weight and flexibility of the Clasp system make it particularly suitable for areas liable to mining subsidence. But the cavities in the walls, in particular the large gap between the ceiling and the roof, a characteristic feature of the design, had been found, even before the Fairfield disaster, to constitute a special fire risk.

The fire, in the early hours, was started by a pensioner smoking in her bedroom, the reports says, and her open door helped to support the *combustion. The suspended* ceiling had little resistance to fire and allowed the smoke and flames to penetrate the roof void, which was continuous over almost the whole building. That allowed the fire to spread to the other four "houses" in the home, bypassing the fire doors, which in any case were more often open than shut.

The committee recognized that in existing buildings there would be "problems, sometimes insurmountable", in applying the lessons of Fairfield.

One factor that should be closely examined was the safety equipment. Fairfield was well provided with fire-fighting equipment, alarm bells and emergency call apparatus, but had no detectors to give an early warning.

The installation of smoke detectors, which in the committee's view are the most effective single means of obtaining early warning of fire, "might well have reduced dramatically the number of fatalities in the fire".

The fire would clearly not have occurred if severe measures had been taken to stop smoking in the bedrooms, the committee comments. There was a rule against it, but that was waived when staff were present, and the staff knew the rule was broken at other times.

Elderly people always gave rise to unusual fire hazards, and when a number were gathered in a communal home the risks were correspondingly higher.

Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the fire at Fairfield Home, Edwalton, Nottinghamshire, on December EL. *1974* (Cmd 6149. Stationery Office. £1.15).

Detectors installed: Nottinghamshire County Council said yesterday that it has started installing smoke and heat detectors in homes and hostels for the old, the mentally and physically handicapped and children (the Press Association reports).

EEC report 'threat to road-rail balance'

By a Staff Reporter

The European Commission's recent consultation paper on transport threatens the balance between road and rail, according to Miss Irene Coates, chairman of the Conservation Society.

In *Common Transport Policy*, a report prepared for the European Environmental Bureau, she argues that the system of accounting favours road transport because only its marginal costs are reckoned, while rail fares reflect the full cost of building and maintaining rail systems.

"Until the massive cost of building, maintaining and lighting motorways, loss of land, and cost of accidents is reflected in the cost of using roads, this imbalance will continue to encourage the drift of passengers and freight off rail and on to road", she contends.

"The EEC Commission's consultation document, *The Future Operation of Goods Transport in the Community*, is advocating the freeing of road haulage from tariff and quantity licensing restrictions, and the so-called 'rationalization'—that is, the reduction—of railway systems in an attempt to make them pay their way."

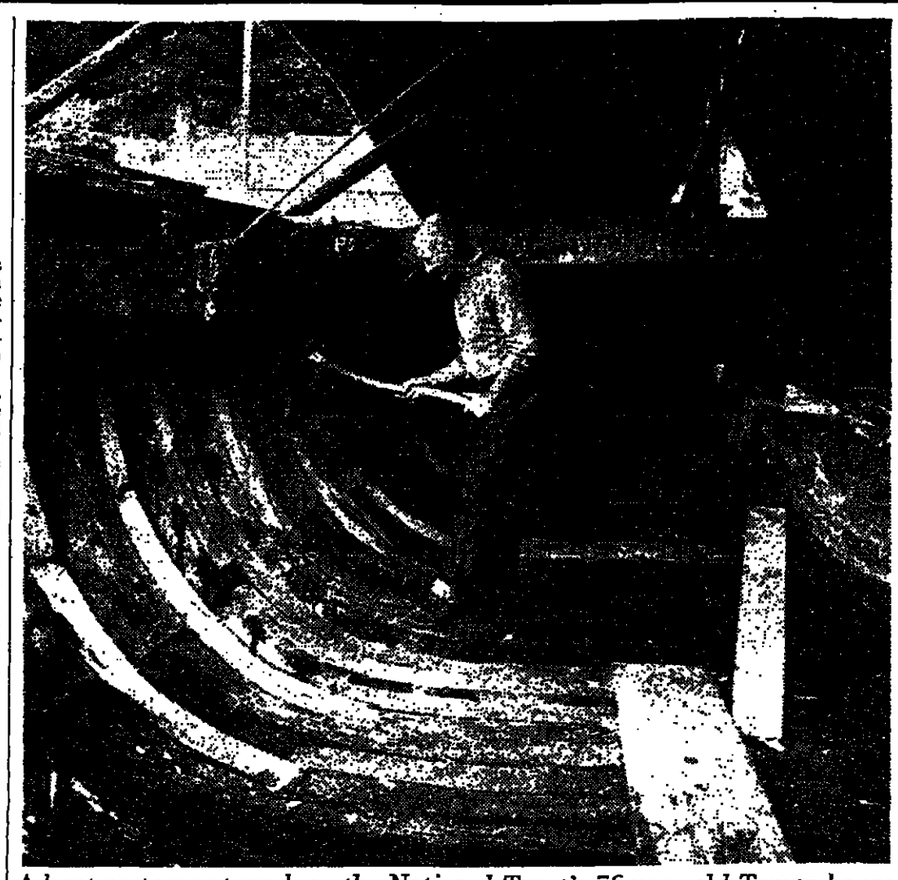
She also complains that the document ignores the private car. "Yet it drains passengers, and hence income, away from all other passenger modes.

"Despite the widespread public objection to the old Beeching policy in this country, which is now known to have saved only £10m a year, our Government has been actively promoting it on the Continent."

Miss Coates argues that the building of motorways is not financially justified to facilitate the movement of heavy lorries, because transport costs are only a small proportion of total costs and the journey time saved by motorways is only a small percentage

She urges the commission "even on narrow economic grounds" to reconsider its transport policy.

Common Transport Policy (Conservation Society, 12 London Street, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 8AA, £1).



A boat restorer at work on the National Trust's 76-year-old Tamar barge Shamrock at Cotehele Quay, near Calstock, Cornwall.

In brief

Boys in firing area had shells

A United States army helicopter crew landed during an exercise over Salisbury Plain yesterday to clear their guns after a malfunction, to find four boys in the live firing area.

They chased them and caught two carrying live 40mm shells. The boys said their friends also had shells and a big search was started by the Army and police near the village of Easterton. Later an Army officer said that all the ammunition had been recovered.

New trial ordered in cruelty case

The trial of Mrs Dorothy Howlett, aged 22, of Kings Norton, Birmingham, accused of manslaughter and cruelty to her son, aged two, was stopped at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday because a doctor was ill.

Mr Justice May discharged the jury and ordered a new trial. He remanded Mrs Howlett in custody.

Pet-food firm fined

Pieces of polythene sheeting *found in tins of pet food might* have killed a dog and a kitten, York magistrates were told yesterday.

Pedigree Pet Foods Ltd, of Fenchurch Street, London, which makes Pedigree Chum pleaded guilty to two offences under the Trades Descriptions Act. The company was fined a total of £200 and ordered to pay £39 costs.

Third earth tremor felt

The Trent Vale area of Stoke-on-Trent was shaken by the third earth tremor in a week yesterday, but no damage was reported. One theory attributes the disturbance to old mineworkings and the National Coal Board has ordered an inquiry.

Pollution threat to lakes

More than a dozen of Ireland's famous lakes are threatened by pollution, it was reported yesterday. Now a survey of discharge into lakes in some areas is expected.

Shot man dies

Mr Stanley Wall, aged 55, who received a gunshot wound to the head in a shooting incident at Telford, Salop, died in hospital yesterday without regaining consciousness.

Fire victim named

A may who died in a fire in a Glasgow coal ship off the Northumberland coast on Monday night was named yesterday as Donald McFarlane, aged about 19, of Bangor, Northern Ireland.

MPs will reverse Industry Bill defeats

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, threatened action yesterday to reverse the Government's defeats in the Lords on the controversial Industry Bill.

The measure, which sets up the National Enterprise Board and gives it wide powers to take a stake in industry, was amended on Monday by the peers, who three times savaged key proposals.

At a Parliamentary Press Gallery luncheon Mr Varley admitted that the Lords had done "terrible things" to the Bill. He indicated that when the measure returned to the Commons there would be a lot of "cleaning up".

MPs could also expect an announcement on the steel industry, Mr Varley said. The Scottish position and that of Port Talbot were being reviewed by Lord Beswick, his Minister of State. "I hope, before the House gets into recess, that we shall say something about that."

Britain must try to pick the winners when it came to investing in industry, he said. "We have got to develop a much keener sense of priorities. The emphasis over the next few months will be on selectivity.

"We have not the resources, either financial or managerial, to support every firm in difficulty, or to prevent every plant closure or threat of redundancy."

AA chief presses case for Peak District road

From John Chartres
Sheffield

An overwhelming case exists for a new Manchester-Sheffield road link, Mr Alec Durie, director-general of the Automobile Association, said yesterday.

He said in Sheffield that the greatest value of a new route would be the economic stimulation to not only the surrounding areas of Derbyshire and south Yorkshire but to both sides of the Pennines, from the Mersey to the Humber.

He envisaged that the road would pass through the Peak District National Park, but said there could be every expectation that it would match the highest environmental standards and landscaping.

A new Pennine route would remove commercial traffic from the Snake and Woodhead pass routes and allow them to be turned into recreational roads providing a positive contribution to enjoyment of the national park.

The case for a new road, *even at a time when the* Government was being heavily pressed to reduce expenditure, would meet any criteria of return on investment.

The idea of any new motorway or double track road linking Manchester and Sheffield is so far only in the Department of Environment's forward programme.

Some low-paid 'worse off when they get £6 rise'

By a Staff Reporter

For many low-wage earners the £6 a week increase per*mitted under the new incomes* policy will be severely eroded by taxation and loss of benefits, a report from the Low Pay Unit says.

Indeed, some lower-paid workers might be worse off, according to Mrs Sue Ward and Mr Chris Pond, joint authors of *The £6 Trap*. They calculate that a married man with two children earning £30 a week would be between 10p and 95p a week poorer after loss of such benefits as family income supplement and free school meals.

"The present structure of taxes and means-tested benefits ensures that the biggest burden will be shouldered by those least able to bear it", the authors suggest. "The poor are paying for the poor."

They point out that the tax threshold is lower than ever because of inflation. In 1964-65 a married man with two children paid no tax until he earned more than three-quarters of the average industrial earnings, compared with less than half today.

They recommend raising the tax threshold to a level equivalent to two-thirds of average earnings for a family with one child. Priority should be given to increase tax allowances for children.

The £6 Trap (Low Pay Papers, 9 Poland Street, London, W1V 3DG, 50p).

School inquiry ready to take evidence

The committee set up by the Government last February to examine the management of primary and secondary schools is ready to take evidence. The committee, chaired by Mr Tom Taylor, leader of Blackburn council, would like to receive written evidence by the end of November.

It is examining the functions and composition of managing and governing bodies and their relationship with local education authorities, head teachers, school staffs, parents and the local community.

Further information about submitting evidence can be obtained from Mr J. K. Sawtell, Department of Education and Science, Elizabeth House, London SE1 7PH.

Church call for new media code

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

There is a deep undercurrent of public anxiety about the principles that guide the broadcasting media, according to a report issued on behalf of the Church of England yesterday. The fear is often expressed, it says, that close involvement in programme production has partially blinded those in the industry to gaps between their theory and their practice.

"Many churchgoers feel that both those who produce or control programmes and those who are listeners and viewers would be helped by a new and authoritative affirmation of the basic standards of broadcasting"

The report, in the form of a memorandum to the Annan Committee on the Future of Broadcasting, says there is a variety of views in the Church of England on the wisdom of a broadcasting council responsible for monitoring standards. It recalls that an earlier Church of England report on broadcasting, *Broadcasting, Society and the Church*, had a mixed reception when debated in the General Synod in November, 1973. Some considered it unfair.

That report was by a commission originally set up to give evidence to the Annan Committee on the church's behalf. The present report, signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, was prepared by the standing committee of the General Synod to take account of the earlier report and the debate on it.

It disputes the view that television should simply reflect the tastes and standards of contemporary society. The moral tone of broadcasting should not be lower than that of any other form of family entertainment or public cultural activity.

On the contrary, the mainstream of opinion surely holds that the standards reflected in the programmes transmitted by a publicly controlled broadcasting service should be higher than the average of those found in contemporary society.

It is open to question, the memorandum says, whether certain films on public release with an X certificate ought ever to be shown on television. It can no longer be assumed that a film on general release is automatically suitable for television viewing. The so-called "9 o'clock limit" for programmes suitable only for adult viewers should be a 10 o'clock limit in view of the tendency for children to stay up later. The experimental warning symbol system for "adult" programmes containing scenes of violence should be extended to all programmes that might reasonably be described as offensive.

The memorandum criticizes the pervasiveness of advertising on commercial television, with its appeal to acquisitive instincts and its heavy emphasis on the material world. It seems, it says, that there are not enough programmes to balance that by inspiring a sense of social responsibility and awareness of moral and spiritual values.

"It also seems that the lifestyle of the characters in many television plays and films is noticeably more affluent than that of the average viewer, and some within the church are seriously wondering what is the gradual effect of this barrage of fantasy upon our national moral."

Derailment due to error by signalman

The derailment of a passenger train at Bletchley last July was caused by a signal technician's mistake in the relay room, according to a report published today by the Department of the Environment.

The report criticizes supervision in the Bletchley relay room. It says that a junior technician, who probably caused *the accident, had not been given* clear directions about what he was allowed to do on his own.

It finds that the technician must have accidentally activated a relay while using testing *equipment, or interchanged two* relays.

The report recommends that it should be made physically impossible for different types of point relays to be interchanged, and that relay rooms should be equipped with a testing instrument that, if wrongly used, would not operate a relay.

Yorkshire Tourist Board opens campaign to attract European holidaymakers

From Ronald Kershaw
Castle Howard

The Yorkshire, Cleveland and Humberside Tourist Board, which for reasons of marketing prefers to call itself the Yorkshire Tourist Board, is mounting a big campaign to increase business. Its main target will be European holidaymakers and weekend trippers, and it confidently predicts that an increase of £24m a year in foreign earnings will be achieved within two years.

Colonel R. J. L. Jackson, chairman of the board, ex*plained at a press conference* at Castle Howard yesterday that those expectations are pinned on the enlarged facilities of Hull which, since the introduction of new passenger ferries, is able to handle 1,500 passengers a day.

Exploitation of the European market is one of about three dozen recommendations made by the board after a detailed survey into all aspects of tourism in Yorkshire by market research consultants.

Colonel Jackson said the Government and local authorities could not be expected to increase in real terms the amount of money made available to the tourist industry. The tourist board was entitled to look to the trade generally for the next improvement in financial resources.

The Yorkshire board's proposed measures place great emphasis on marketing strategy. The word "Yorkshire" must be *applied as the essential* "brand name" to all aspects of the region's tourist marketing effort. It is to step up public relations work at home and overseas, above all in Europe. It is to promote farmhouse holidays, national parks, rural towns and villages, industrial archaeology, canal holidays, stately homes and many other attractions.

The board proposes promoting places such as Sheffield and Leeds as wholesome cities on which touring holidays may be based. Shopping expeditions to Leeds are to be arranged for the Dutch through the East Coast ports.

Attention is also drawn to the need for the redevelopment of the south and west Yorkshire canal systems and to the need to develop coast assets. It is suggested that Bridlington should be developed as a sailing resort and that a marina should be built at either Wilsthorpe or South Landing.

Tourist traffic routes are to be defined and the need for their development impressed on the appropriate authorities. That applies also to amenities such as car parking. The board notes that most suggestions for improvements from residents relate to the quality of accommodation in boarding houses and hotels.

Services climb goes ahead

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The joint Services expedition to climb Everest will go ahead as planned next year, it was announced yesterday, despite the deaths of four members of the team on a training climb in the Himalayas two months ago.

The result of an army board of inquiry into the disaster was also disclosed. It found that the men died by misadventure in two separate accidents.

Major Gerry Owens, Captain Richard Summerton, Lieutenant David Brister and Gurkha Rifleman Pasang Tamang were killed attempting to scale Nuptse, 25,850ft, in preparation for the British-Nepalese expedition to Everest.

The inquiry said that Nuptse was within the climbers' capabilities, and there was no negligence. The weather was a factor in one case.

The convening officer said the attempt on Nuptse was well planned, praised the very high standards of leadership displayed by Major Jon Fleming of The Parachute Regiment, the team leader.

But Major Fleming will not lead the attempt on Everest. His place will be taken by Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Streather, of The Gloucestershire Regiment, the Army's most experienced climber, and one of several new men brought into the team. He was not available to join the Nuptse expedition because he was serving in Malaysia.

Fine over EEC scheme

A farmer was fined £150, with £300 costs, by the Winchester Magistrates yesterday for making a false statement to obtain payment under the EEC dairy herd conversion scheme.

Donald John Price, aged 50, formerly of Lower Barford Farm, Bramshaw, Hampshire, now living in Canada, admitted making a false statement to obtain payment of a premium.

Mr Price, who did not appear in court, denied dishonestly attempting to obtain £2,016 from the Ministry of Agriculture as the second instalment of a premium, and his plea was accepted by the prosecution.

Mr James Bligh, for the prosecution, said the scheme was intended to reduce milk production. Grants were available to those who changed from dairy farming to cattle for beef production or sheep. To be eligible a farmer had to undertake that no milk or milk products would be sold and that livestock numbers would be maintained.

Mr Price, Mr Bligh said, was told that he would be required to maintain 120 head of cattle. He returned his undertaking and the first instalment of £4,033 was paid, but after a check it became clear that Mr Price was not keeping 120 cows.

Mr Bernard Chill, for the defence, said Mr Price had written to the ministry saying the scheme was not clear to him. He had intended to build up to 120 head of cattle and was now going to pay back the first instalment.

Assault detective is told to resign

Det-constable Peter Ryles, the Southampton police officer fined last week for punching a football supporter, has been asked to resign after an internal police inquiry.

Constable Ryles, who was awarded the BEM six years ago for disarming a man who shot him, was fined £325 by Southampton magistrates

Mother 'could not feel love' for her baby

From Our Correspondent
Ipswich

A mother who suffocated her daughter, aged four months, with a pillow because, she said, she could not feel any great love for her, was told by Mr Justice Talbot at Ipswich Crown Court yesterday: "Nobody who has listened to the facts of this case could feel anything but sorrow for you, your husband and of course the little child."

The mother, Brenda Peck, aged 22, of Capel St Mary, near Ipswich, who pleaded guilty to infanticide, was ordered to stay in hospital for psychiatric treatment.

Mr Derek Spencer, for the prosecution, said Mrs Peck married in May, 1973, and the child, born in February, 1975, was wanted, and both parents were thrilled. Soon afterwards the mother developed an obsession that she was not looking after the child properly and made two attempts to commit suicide.

After the baby died Mrs Peck told the police: "I wish I had done it to myself. After the birth I couldn't feel any great love for her and I got the feeling I couldn't look after it and I could not cope."



HOME NEWS

Medical research threatened by financial difficulties facing universities, report says

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Medical research is threatened by the financial difficulties facing universities, the Medical Research Council says in its annual report, published yesterday.

The universities' ability to maintain the number of academic staff necessary to meet the needs of research as well as teaching is diminishing, the report says. The number of undergraduates taking medical and biological subjects continues to rise, but the capital building programme for science is virtually at a halt.

Since a prime task of universities is to teach undergraduates, the report says, it is understandable but most regrettable that the universities' contribution in partnership with the council towards research is declining.

The halt to university expansion has profoundly changed the career prospects of young academics and young research workers. A far more rigid pattern of staffing has emerged: the number of academic careers is dwindling, and a greater commitment to teaching is required.

The report says the council is investing more money in university research than ever before, being determined, if funds permit, that support of university research should continue to grow. The method of support, however, may be changed in emphasis.

At present the dual support system requires the university to pay overhead costs and the salary of the principal investigator and to provide laboratory space and equipment. The council pays scientific and technical assistants and provides special equipment and consumable materials.

Sir John Gray, secretary of the council, said yesterday that the future was far from clear. Flexibility and adaptability were necessary. It was firmly felt, however, that the possibility of ending the dual support system was remote. That would be a disaster.

The council's projects include participation by its applied psychological unit in an international study of road accidents involving young drivers. The report is not available in its final form but some of the trends it indicates are clear.

It says that young people keen to become mechanically mobile learn the necessary control skills fast and well. Statistics show that most accidents happen two to four years after a novice begins to drive. Pilot studies show that inexperienced drivers may overconcentrate on steering at the expense of other peripheral demands for attention, such as road signs and the position of other vehicles.

If that is verified, the report says, it suggests that accidents involving young drivers may be caused not only by lack of awareness of various hazardous driving manoeuvres but also by not knowing where to look for critical environmental information. There is also some evidence that accidents in the group are associated with states of mind about courtship, marriage, family responsibilities and job changes.

Dr J. P. Bull, chairman of the council's environmental medicines research committee, said the project included a study of making punishment for an offence meet the crime. If punishment was considered to be too slight, the offence might be seen as of little moment; if too severe, there was resentment.

Medical Research Council Annual Report, Command Paper 459, (Stationery Office, £2.75).

Government to back food-price surveys

By John Groser

The Government proposes to accelerate its programmes for consumer protection and price information, it was announced yesterday by Mr MacLennan, Under-Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, at a conference organized by the National Consumer Council to discuss local price surveys.

It was disclosed that results so far received from surveys organized by consumer groups showed that savings of up to 17p in the pound could be achieved, not by shopping around but simply by choosing the cheapest shop in the area and using "own brands" where these were lower in price.

Mr MacLennan declared that the Government considered it to be of paramount importance that help should be offered to the shopper to make housekeeping money go farther.

"An important way in which help can be provided is by offering better information to the consumer", he said. "This is why the Government is proposing to accelerate these programmes. The success of this effort, to which we are devoting increased Exchequer resources, cannot depend upon central government alone.

"It is in the district where the housewife shops that the information is needed. It is local effort and local knowledge that can help the harassed shopper to buy more economically."

Mr MacLennan said that almost a quarter of all household expenditure was on food. Last year the average household of two adults and two children spent more than £600 on food.

"I believe therefore that there is often scope for getting better value for money", Mr MacLennan went on. "I want to get the facts about prices across. "Savings could be substantial. Surveys had shown differences of between 60p and 80p in shopping baskets of goods costing about £4 in Glasgow, Southend and Redcar.

"This is why I am keen to get regular local price information services introduced in as many shopping centres as possible", he said.

WEST EUROPE

EEC aid for British farmers will increase food prices

From David Cross
Brussels, July 22

British food prices will rise by about 1 per cent under a new EEC arrangement worked out in Brussels today to pay British farmers an extra £100m a year.

The scheme, approved by ministers of agriculture of the Nine, involves a devaluation of the so-called "green pound" by 5 per cent from August 4. This is the accounting device used for calculating British farm prices.

The change in the exchange rate of the green pound automatically leads to a 5 per cent increase in the guaranteed minimum price received by British and Irish farmers for their produce. The impact will be felt most by consumers on such products as milk, butter, cheese, beef and bacon.

The green pound also acts as a subsidy on food imports from overseas. The 5 per cent cut in the rate will mean an annual loss of about £60m from EEC funds.

The 5 per cent devaluation was originally requested by Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, to help British dairy farmers who had been complaining that milk and cheese production was no longer profitable. Mr Peart had hoped that the green pound would be devalued further, but this was scotched by the more inflation-conscious members of the British Cabinet like Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Earlier, the ministers, during the final day of a two-day session, warned Europe's grain farmers that they could no longer expect to receive high prices for low quality, high yield fodder wheat. There has been a rapid increase in the production of these types of wheat, particularly in Britain. They are unsuitable for bread making.

During other discussions, Mr Peart secured an agreement which should enable Britain to carry on importing cheap tomato purée from outside the Community. The Italians, who produce most of the Community's tomato crop, had been seeking to discourage cheap imports from overseas.

The most tricky issue on the ministers' agenda, proposed measures to deal with the Community's wine surplus, was expected to be discussed during a late-night session. The idea is to hammer out a series of principles for restricting further plantings of low quality vines and for automatically distilling surplus wine into industrial alcohol.

Progress by Nine on Third World trade

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, July 22

The foreign minister of the European Community, at their last meeting in Brussels yesterday before the summer holidays, were reported to have made some progress on defining a common position to be adopted at the special session of the United Nations in September. The session is to be devoted to relations between the industrialized countries and the raw materials producers.

M Sauvagnargues, the French Foreign Minister, told journalists that there appeared to be support for a "double approach". Apparently this was implying a combination of product-by-product commodity agreements with a scheme for stabilizing the export earnings of the world's poorest producer-nations.

The ministers made little headway on how to proceed in the stalled negotiations aimed at concluding free trade agreements with the three Maghreb countries, Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

The main obstacle appears to be an Algerian demand for tariff-free entry to the EEC for its refined petroleum products and much increased access for its wine.

Earlier, the foreign ministers had signed a commercial co-operation agreement with Sri Lanka on the lines of the one already signed with India.

Saudis back Paris plan for meeting on energy

From Our Overseas Correspondent
Paris, July 22

France's efforts to organize an international conference on energy and raw materials have won support from Emir Fahd Abdul Aziz, the Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, who is in Paris on a visit. The conference would be held late this year.

But the Saudi Prime Minister refused to give any indication today what his country's attitude would be on petrol prices at the meeting of oil exporting countries, to be held in September before the projected world conference.

He was speaking to reporters after talking for over one hour with President Giscard d'Estaing at the end of an Elysée luncheon.

The Prime Minister refused either to deny or confirm reports of new orders for French arms, worth possibly $1,000m (about £454m), and was similarly non-committal about a much bruited contract to supply France with 150m tonnes of petrol over 10 years. No precise figures had been advanced, he said.

M Yvon Bourges, the French Minister of Defence, has denied that big new arms deals are in the pipeline.

Complaint plans 'depend too much on police'

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The National Council for Civil Liberties has told Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, that the proposed procedure for handling complaints against the police will not be independent enough.

The procedure, it says in a letter, retains to an unacceptable extent the involvement of the police in adjudicating complaints against themselves.

Complainants may be deterred by retention of the requirement that a complaint must be reported to a police station. It would be better if the complaint could be made first to the proposed independent commission.

The council says the proposal to leave the investigation entirely in the hands of the police will do nothing to remove grievances arising from the conduct of the police investigator.

It suggests that the commission should eventually employ its own investigating staff. A commissioner or member of the staff should at least oversee the investigation.

The close involvement of the deputy chief constable at virtually every stage of the procedure will make it impossible for the commission to be considered truly independent and effective, the council says.



Title winner: Sharon Anne Fitton, aged five, of Horncastle, Lincolnshire, who was crowned Miss Pears 1975 in London yesterday.

Rent freeze and costs hit Peabody Trust

By a Staff Reporter

The rent freeze and inflation have drastically reversed the Peabody Trust's financial and economic position, Lord Blakenham, the chairman, says in a statement accompanying the housing trust's annual report.

The trust was left without any margin for capital works not officially approved and supported by public loans, he says.

Its net surplus for the year ended December 31, 1974, was £70,841, compared with £134,202 in 1973, the report shows. It owned 10,722 dwellings at the end of 1974.

Bomb attack on house of 'Le Monde' editor

From Richard Wigg
Paris, July 22

The Paris home of M Jacques Fauvet, editor of *Le Monde*, suffered a bomb attack early today. An anonymous telephone caller claimed shortly afterwards that it was the work of an "anarcho-fascist" group. Speaking to Radio Luxembourg, he said he was calling on behalf of "the Committee to Liberate the Press from Marxism and Big Capitalism."

The 61-year-old editor was away at the time, working on an article in Bucharest in preparation for the visit to Romania of M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, later this week. M Fauvet flew back immediately on hearing of the attack. He told the French state radio that he had recently received threatening letters from several splinter groups.

The bomb, placed outside the second floor entrance to the flat in the 16th arrondissement, did little damage. No one was hurt.

The incident comes just over one month after another bomb attack which killed M Bernard Cabanes, one of the deputy editors of Agence France-Presse. That bomb, too, was placed outside the journalist's home (in mistake for the editor of *Le Parisien Libéré* who has an identical name). Today's attack has provoked widespread protests.

But M Fauvet said he had no reason to suspect any connexion between the two attacks.

The Paris Newspaper Proprietors' Association condemned the attack. The French National Union of Journalists, protesting against today's "stupid attack", expressed its concern for the safety of journalists.

M Michel Debré, the former Gaullist Prime Minister, said that if such anarchist attacks continued in France there would be grave risks to democracy. Public opinion, he said, would seek refuge in authoritarian regimes.

Le Monde's printers, affiliated to a Communist trade union, condemned the "odious attack" on M Fauvet, linking it with a campaign against the printers of *Le Parisien Libéré*.

Shots across Berlin Wall anger East Germans

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, July 22

East Germany has complained to the West Berlin Senate about two recent incidents in which it claims shots were fired at East German border guards. It wants the offenders punished and measures taken to stop the offence being repeated.

In a letter delivered last night the East German Foreign Ministry said that on Saturday morning a gunman fired several shots at East German soldiers on the border with the British sector.

Details requested by the Senate on a similar charge made earlier were also given in the letter. According to this explanation, several people broke through the Berlin Wall at two places and fired seven shots at East German guards, one of whom was hit in the shoulder.

A Senate spokesman said that if the East German charges were substantiated the necessary steps would be taken.

After 15 days in East German custody, Herr Klaus Lange, a man from Lüneburg arrested in his bathing trunks while floating down the Elbe on a rubber dinghy, was returned home last night. An East German patrol picked him up when he stepped on the eastern banks of the river to avoid being capsized by other boats.

Yesterday a court at Schwerin sentenced him to five weeks' imprisonment; the same evening however, he was taken to a railway station and given a ticket back to Lüneburg.

He said he had been interrogated incessantly by men who kept switching on glaring lights and told him he could expect to be jailed for two years for illegally entering East German territory.

Faulty autopilot caused TriStar incident

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Three of the new generation of wide-bodied airliners figure in the latest incidents bulletin by the accident investigation branch of the Department of Trade, issued yesterday. The incidents involved two Boeing 747 jumbo jets and a Lockheed TriStar, all owned by British Airways.

The TriStar, with 253 passengers and a crew of 17, was making an automatic landing at Heathrow on May 11, when "the pitch attitude increased at a rate equivalent to the maximum authority of the autopilot", according to the bulletin. The tail skid struck the runway, and part of the skid broke off.

The aircraft skipped and touched down again about 170 metres farther on. "An autopilot defect was identified, and is under further investigation by the operator and manufacturer", the bulletin said.

The first incident involving a jumbo jet, at Prestwick Airport, Scotland, on May 16, concerned an aircraft on a training flight with a crew of five. A section of the starboard inboard trailing edge flap became detached during the final approach to land.

In the second incident, also on May 16, a 747 with a crew of 19 and 215 passengers, was taxiing along the outer taxiway at Heathrow when its right wing struck the left elevator of a Boeing 737, with a crew of six, and 115 passengers, was standing on a link taxiway. It was raining at the time, but the taxiway centre line lighting and stop lights were not in use.

"The British Airports Authority is examining the problem of adequate clearance for passing operations when aircraft are waiting on link taxiways", the bulletin said.

Woman guilty of Whittle ransom plot

From Our Correspondent
Gloucester

Mrs Dorothy Davis-James, aged 29, the mother of four children, was convicted yesterday of plotting to obtain the Lesley Whittle ransom money of £50,000, earlier this year. The jury at Gloucester Crown Court found her guilty of a main charge of conspiring with Brian Davis on January 15 to "make an unwarranted demand for £50,000 with menaces" by pretending to hold Miss Whittle in close custody.

Sentence on Mrs Davis-James, of Huxley Road, Gloucester, was adjourned until tomorrow so that Mr Patrick Back, QC, her counsel, can make representation on her behalf. He was not in court yesterday

At the outset of the five-day trial Mr John Smyth, for the prosecution, alleged that Mrs Davis-James and Mr Davis, who has so far eluded the police, hatched "a callous and wicked little plot" to obtain the ransom money from Mr Ronald Whittle, Miss Whittle's brother.

Mrs Davis-James said in evidence that she thought Mr Davis was only playing a "perverted and crazy" pratical joke. But police witnesses said Mrs Davis-James admitted being part of the plot and that she said in a statement that if she and Mr Davis had succeeded in getting the £50,000 they and her four children, who are in council care, would have gone to Australia.

Ambulance in fatal crash had worn tyres

From Our Correspondent
Birkenhead

An ambulance that struck a footbridge at Eastham, Wirral, and disintegrated while on an emergency journey with a critically injured baby had two rear tyres with the tread pattern worn to excess, an inquest at Bromborough was told yesterday.

Mr Frank Cook, a vehicle examiner, said the ambulance, belonging to Clwyd Health Authority, also had a defective brake pad, and rivets that scored a brake drum, but that did not appear to have contributed to the crash.

A jury returned a verdict of misadventure on a nurse Mrs Sandra Jones, aged 30, of Broomfield Grove, Acton, near Wrexham, who died in the accident.

10 Spaniards jailed over labour riots

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, July 22

A political court today sentenced one woman and nine men to imprisonment for taking part in labour riots in General Franco's birthplace, El Ferrol, three years ago.

The Public Order Court, which deals only with political offences, found 10 of the 23 accused guilty. Three were convicted of leading an illegal demonstration, four of taking part in an illegal demonstration and three were convicted of terrorism. Of the rest 11 were acquitted for lack of evidence. There was no verdict on two other defendants, absent because of illness.

The disturbances in El Ferrol reached a climax on March 10, 1972, when people took to the streets to back up their labour demands at the big state-run Bazan shipyard. Police, trying to break up the huge demonstration, were overwhelmed by the demonstrators. The police fired, and two people were killed by the gunfire.

The stiffest sentences, seven years each, went to three men accused of being leaders of the workers' march. They were Rafael Pillado Lista, Manuel Amor Deus and José María Rioboo Millán.

Kidnapped man rescued by Italian police

Locri, Italy, July 22.—About 200 police with the aid of a helicopter today rescued the son of a wealthy industrialist from the hideout where he was kept by his kidnappers for nearly a month.

There was an exchange of shots with two bandits before their arrest.

The kidnapped man, Signor Robia Matarazzo, aged 26, was in good health. He was found in a house in the village of Janchina, near the Calabrian town of Locri. Police said no ransom had been paid.

In Sardinia, the abductors of a man who had travelled from Madonna di Campiglio in the Alps to discuss the ransom for his best friend set him free today. Signor Andrea Olivieri, aged 56, had met the kidnappers on a remote mountain road last Saturday night. A price of more than £700,000 is being asked for his friend, Signor Italo Maffei, still held after being ambushed on May 30, it is reported.—AP.

European-Arab talks open

Rome, July 22.—Officials from European countries and from the Arab world met here today at the opening of a three-day conference on cooperation.

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WEST EUROPE

Senator Fanfani quits as party leader on losing confidence vote

From Peter Nichols
Rome, July 22

Senator Amintore Fanfani, long regarded as the most powerful personality in Italian politics, resigned tonight as secretary of the governing Christian Democrats.

His resignation came after a crushing vote against him in the party's National Council. He asked for a vote of confidence but lost by 103 votes to 69, with eight abstentions. The question of who will succeed him was left over until Thursday.

The National Council which had been conferring since Saturday reached its decision after a day of manoeuvring in an atmosphere both tragic and comic.

Most of the discussion was taken up by Senator Fanfani himself in replying to the debate. He had little enough to answer given that, in order to save time, the representatives of the majority drawn up against him decided yesterday not to speak. No such qualms were felt by the senator's defenders who spoke at length.

Reports of what was happening in private meetings were astonishing enough. Signor Aldo Moro, the Prime Minister, normally the most reserved of men, was said to have lost his temper in attempting to persuade the secretary to go. Signor Emilio Colombo, a former Prime Minister, put forward the bizarre proposal that the council should vote in favour of the secretary's report on the understanding that he would resign immediately.

The seeds of degeneration were present when the National Council opened on Saturday. But no one could have foreseen to what extent a party facing a serious crisis would advertise its insufficiences.

It had already been shaken by the substantial Communist gains in the regional elections last month which brought a fourth region, Liguria, under left-wing leadership and may possibly produce a left-wing administration in Piedmont itself, the heartland of what used to be known as the economic miracle.

After three decades of power, the shock to the party of seeing a big shift to the Communists was stuff enough for a crucial debate at the National Council. The question of whether Senator Fanfani should remain as leader after a succession of defeats was raised immediately after the results of the elections were known. But this was of lesser importance compared with the broader challenge to the Christian Democrats of how they could regain some of the credit which they have been dissipating with the passing of the years.

Never the less the National Council concentrated on the secretaryship. No doubt it was felt that an attempt at showing that the party was really taking on a new spirit would be more convincing if someone else took over the leadership.

As the governing party's answer to the Communist gains, this National Council can only be regarded as a disaster. It has brought out the party's principal weaknesses without any suggestion of underlying strength.

As for Senator Fanfani, one view is that at 67 his career is finished, that little remains for him but to develop his hobby as a painter. But he is hardly the type to remain far away

In 1959 he resigned from the party secretaryship, the prime ministership and the post of Foreign Minister. But he was back at the head of a government in 1969.

Acquittal fails to end controversy over French justice

Appeal in 1972 murder case

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, July 22

The celebrated case of Bruay-en Artois, which touched off considerable controversy in the press and public opinion on the character and administration of French justice, has not been closed by the recent decision of the Tribunal for Minors to acquit the young Jean-Pierre X of the murder of Brigitte Dewevre, aged 15.

The Paris public prosecutor has decided to appeal against the verdict, which does not affect the release of the young man but means that the whole case will be taken up again from the beginning in an attempt to discover the killer.

French justice has been under heavy fire from many quarters in the past few years. The left and extreme left accuse it of being a "class justice" which applies double standards; the Minister of the Interior, echoing a substantial section of public opinion, charges it with excessive indulgence in the repression of crime.

Many judges themselves, through their militant union, consider it ill-adapted to the needs of modern society, hidebound by routine and formalism, inadequately endowed by the state which treats it as a poor relative, and more productive of hardened criminals than of reformed characters.

The case in question goes back to April, 1972, when the 15-year-old daughter of a miner was found strangled on waste ground in Bruay, a mining village in northern France. She had last been seen on the evening of April 15 talking to a man in a roll-neck pullover, who after three years of judicial investigation has still not been identified. Jean-Pierre X, a friend of the victim, who was 15 at the time, twice confessed to the crime only to retract later.

M Gaston Fedou, the presiding judge who took nearly a month to reach the latest decision, said in the 10-page verdict: "It is not possible that the young Jean-Pierre deliberately murdered Brigitte Dewevre. There is a doubt, and this doubt must benefit the defendant." Although the youth had confessed, it was after much delay and shillyshallying, and even during the trial, held in camera, he constantly altered his statements.

It was a year after the discovery of the girl's body that Jean-Pierre became almost accidentally the central character of a case which had already divided France into two camps —the haves and the have-nots, the France of the workers and the little people and the France of the bourgeoisie.

The judge put in charge of the case was M Henri Pascal, senior examining magistrate of Béthune, a fearless man with advanced ideas about "popular justice" and "open investigations".

From the start he began to believe strongly in the guilt of Maitre Pierre Leroy, a successful and respected lawyer and pillar of the local establishment, and of his friend, Mme Monique Mayeur, whose elegant villa (contrasting with the rows of miners' cottages in the village) overlooked the waste ground where the body was found.

Left-wing groups immediately seized on the case to fan traditional class antagonisms, and set up a "committee for truth and justice" which collected signatures and petitions. The lawyer and his friend were charged with murder in July, 1972, and committed to jail by Judge Pascal.

But they continued to protest their innocence, while the judge's alleged partiality, unorthodox methods, press briefings and public statements about their supposed guilt provoked a wave of indignation.

At the end of July, 1972, the Cour de Cassation, France's highest appeal court, passed the case over to a Paris magistrate "in the interests of the sound administration of justice". The Amiens Court of Appeal also ordered the release on bail of Maitre Leroy and Mme Mayeur, who had by then become his wife.

Judge Pascal fought these developments tooth-and-nail and the Dewevre parents came to Paris with their friends and supporters to demonstrate. They wrote to the President of the Republic demanding justice for their child.

Had the suspected murderer been a miner and not a respected local figure, he would have remained in custody, they argued. Meanwhile, Judge Pascal became a national hero who had stood up against the whole apparatus of justice in defence of the common man.

In the spring of 1973, the young Jean-Pierre, who had played an active part in the leftist campaign and acted as a guide to the crowds of visitors who converged on Bruay at weekends to inspect the murder scene, was overheard by the police and subsequently confessed to being the man in the roll-neck pullover.

The girl's broken glasses, on his directions, were found in the stuffing of an old armchair at his home. Brought before the judge, he partly retracted his statement, saying he had only jostled the girl and she had fatally injured herself as she fell.

Judge Pascal, commenting on the latest verdict, agreed that "It is absolutely impossible to condemn Jean-Pierre". He had known that the youth's confession was false "and that he would be acquitted".

Brigitte Dewevre's parents also maintained that the trial had produced nothing new.

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S Africa expels German TV man

Johannesburg, July 22.—Herr Guenther Peus, a West German television reporter, was expelled from South Africa last night. Herr Peus, who is based in Nairobi, flew back there last night.

Earlier, the Interior Ministry had told him that his visa, valid until next Tuesday, had been withdrawn and he must leave immediately. No reason was given for his expulsion. He had come to South Africa on July 10 to produce a programme on black artists.—Reuter.

OVERSEAS

Portuguese army set to move in Angola

Luanda, July 22.—The Portuguese Army was ready to intervene in Angola today to hold off a possible advance on Luanda by one of the African territory's rival liberation movements, but there were no reports of new fighting.

The forces it is thought might advance on the capital are those of the Zaire-based National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA). The city is controlled by FNLA's Marxist rival, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), after bitter clashes earlier this month.

The FNLA still holds a sixteenth-century fort overlooking the harbour, the scene of heavy fighting on Sunday, and its reinforcements were reported yesterday to be moving towards Luanda.

However, there were signs that the rival movements were abandoning their guns for a war of words. The FNLA repeated its charge that Portuguese forces had aided the MPLA.

The transitional Government of Angola, which becomes independent in November, met at the Government Palace yesterday. No communiqué was issued after the meeting of the council, in which the rival liberation movements share power with the Portuguese. But not all ministers were apparently able to attend.

Mr Daniel Chipenda, FNLA's deputy secretary-general, was quoted today as saying that the FNLA was showing in the northern Uige district the difference between an area controlled by the FNLA and the rest of Angola.

In a statement published by the newspaper *Comercio*, Mr Chipenda said that in spite of MPLA efforts to subvert the district, including the fomenting of agricultural unrest, the situation was returning to normal and people were resuming work in the fields for the coffee harvest. He accused the MPLA of destroying the country's economy through political and military campaigns to gain control.—Reuter.

Lisbon, July 22.—Russian ships have docked in Luanda with loads of armoured cars and heavy weapons for use against the pro-Western FNLA, refugees arriving from Angola said "The Russians have four ships in the harbour and have unloaded armoured cars and weapons", one refugee said. "The people protested about it and they stopped, but the ships are still in the harbour."

The refugees spoke of rape, looting and murder in the capital. They said thousands of blacks and whites were fleeing the city, which was being ransacked by looters. "Young boys are running around with Russian sub-machine guns", a woman said. "They are savages They are destroying everything It is horrible."—UPI.

Kampala, July 22.—The Organization of African Unity tonight decided to invite the leaders of the three feuding Angolan liberation movements to the OAU summit meeting here next Monday in an attempt to stop the fighting there.—Reuter.



President Ford entertaining Wimbledon champions Arthur Ashe and Billie Jean King at the White House on Monday.

Mr Solzhenitsyn snubs Mr Ford in protest on European security talks

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, July 22

President Ford has been snubbed by Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn. A few days ago, the President's spokesman said that "an open invitation" had been extended to the Russian author to visit Mr Ford in the White House but Mr Solzhenitsyn has turned him down, partly in retaliation for earlier presidential coolness and partly as a protest against the European security agreement.

The author telephoned a Russian-speaking reporter on *The New York Times* yesterday and said that by attending the Helsinki summit and signing the agreement Mr Ford was betraying Eastern Europe. In these circumstances he could see no useful purpose in meeting the President.

Mr Solzhenitsyn was in Washington on June 30, to attend a dinner in his honour given by Mr George Meany, President of the American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations. He made a strongly anti-communist speech, and attacked the policy of détente with Russia.

Mr Ford was invited to the dinner, but declined although several prominent officials, including the Secretary of Defence, attended. When it was suggested that he might see Mr Solzhenitsyn in the White House, he said that it would be inappropriate.

It emerged later that he did so on the advice of Dr Kissinger, who thought that a visit would annoy the Russians. Both President and Secretary of State were subject to much criticism and concluded that they had made a mistake. They now seek to correct it.

In his statement yesterday Mr Solzhenitsyn said: "Among the somewhat contradictory explanations as to why this meeting did not take place earlier, it was stated that President Ford would prefer only meetings that were 'substantive' rather than 'symbolic'. I entirely share that point of view.

"Nobody needs symbolic meetings. The President will shortly be leaving to sign (incidentally together with the leaders of the Western European states) the betrayal of Eastern Europe

"Had I the hope of dissuading him from signing this treaty I myself would seek such a meeting. However, there is no such hope. If the President considers the 30-year raging of worldwide totalitarianism as an example of 'an era of peace', what will the basis be for a conversation?"

Our Nairobi Correspondent writes: The Kenya Government has cautioned the International Council of Christian Churches, now holding its annual conference here, not to invite Mr Solzhenitsyn to Kenya.

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Violent crime in America up by 18 per cent

Washington, July 22.—Serious crime in the United States rose 18 per cent in the first three months of 1975 compared with the same period last year, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said today.

A survey by the bureau showed that violent crimes, including murder, rape, robbery and assault, increased by an average of 18 per cent.

Mr Edward Levi, the Attorney General, called the crime increase "one of the terrifying facts of life which we must not accept as normal".—Reuter.

French fly out troops from Comores capital

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, July 22

In an effort to avoid further problems with the Government of President Ahmed Abdallah, who recently led the Comores Archipelago, off the east coast of Africa, to unilateral independence from France, a detachment of French Foreign Legionaries stationed on the main island left today.

The 26 men were flown direct from Moroni, the capital, to France.

This leaves some 200 French troops on Mayotte, the only one of the four islands whose inhabitants wish to remain French. The French Government has said that it will take account of the islanders' wishes.

President Abdallah yesterday accused the French authorities in a telegram to the Organization of African Unity of dispatching more troops to Mayotte. This has been denied by Paris.

Today's move will only partly satisfy President Abdallah, as he has been demanding the removal of French forces from the entire archipelago. He refuses to accept the secession of Mayotte from the newly independent state. Mayotte is, relatively, the most prosperous of the four islands.

Kampala, July 22.—Lieutenant-Colonel Juma Oris, the Ugandan Foreign Minister, today called in M Albert Thabault, the French Ambassador to Uganda, to relay a demand by African nations that France should withdraw its troops and warships from Mayotte.

Colonel Oris told the ambassador that he was speaking on behalf of the ministerial conference in Kampala. He accused France of recently moving some 2,000 soldiers and warships into the Mayotte area. He said the information had been received yesterday from Mr Abdallah.

M Thabault is reported to have denied the accusation and pointed out that France had recognized the Comores' right to independence.

Colonel Oris said that the OAU member states would not hesitate in aiding the Comores militarily, economically and socially

Canada shuns UN congress over PLO participation

From Our Correspondent
Ottawa, July 22

The Canadian Government, under heavy pressure from Jewish groups to bar entry of delegates representing the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), has asked for a postponement of the United Nations congress on crime prevention arranged for early September in Toronto.

Mr Allan MacEachen, External Affairs Minister, told the Commons the Government felt that the congress could not be held successfully this year, in Canada or anywhere else.

He cited the "steady deterioration" of the climate of international conferences recently. "We have witnessed lately excessive confrontation on issues that were not related to the subject matter of conferences", he added.

Canada's offer to host the conference was made at the last meeting in Kyoto, Japan, in 1970. That was four years before the PLO was accorded official observer status with the United Nations.

Canada opposed recognition of the PLO in last year's General Assembly vote, which was carried on a strong show of voting strength by Third World countries.

The crime prevention congress later became a hot political issue in Canada because of the PLO's association with terrorist activities against Israel. Jewish organizations which wanted the PLO kept out, were supported by Mr William Davis, Premier of Ontario, who said that if it was allowed to enter Canada the province would have to reconsider its participation in the congress.

Mr MacEachen informed Dr Kurt Waldheim, secretary-general of the United Nations, of the Canadian Government's decision last Friday during a special trip to New York. He told reporters after announcing the decision on Monday that Canada was prepared to play host to the conference at some future time when the "attendant political conditions" have improved. But if the United Nations decided to hold it elsewhere this year, Canada probably would be represented.

The Government's stand threw into immediate question the fate of the big United Nations conference on human settlements due in Vancouver next year, to which the PLO is expected to be invited. Mr MacEachen said preparations are continuing for the Vancouver conference, but the Government is expected to come under the same heavy pressure to prevent it taking place.

Jerusalem, July 22.—Israel today praised Canada for requesting the postponement of the United Nations congress on crime.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Canada has dissociated itself from the practice of exploiting "international conferences of a professional nature for political purposes".—Reuter.

Mr Smith promises tough line against guerrillas

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, July 22

Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, said tonight that plans for an increased effort to defeat the guerrillas in the country were well advanced and would come into operation soon. This was necessary, he said, because Rhodesia's "opponents" in the southern Africa "détente exercise" had failed to comply with their part of the bargain.

He was referring to the leaders of Rhodesia's main African nationalist movement, the African National Council, who are in Zambia.

The Prime Minister was speaking in Bulawayo, where he opened the congress of the congress of the Rhodesia National Farmers' Union, an all-white organization. He told delegates that there were special plans, to aid farmers in areas affected by guerrilla warfare.

In what appeared to be a reference to reports of a planned build-up of the guerrilla effort, Mr Smith said history had shown that if only one side played according to the rules, it would find itself heading for complete disaster. Rhodesia had no intention of allowing itself to be "hoodwinked" in that way.

"It looks as though once more there are people in this world who are misinterpreting our reasonableness as weakness. If so, they will have to learn the hard way.

"Let me reiterate that the Rhodesian Government has leant over backwards in an effort to assist the détente exercise. We have even been prepared to take chances when our own better judgment indicated to the contrary. This, however, is a reasonableness which ceases to be a virtue."

He described Rhodesia as a glorious example of "a small number of people making a stand on principle against almost overwhelming odds".

Pass law scheme upsets Bantustan leaders

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, July 22

A dispute has developed between the African homeland leaders and the South African Government over a plan to establish special "rehabilitation centres" for pass law offenders in the homelands. The pass laws require Africans to carry reference books which govern where they may live and work.

Newly published regulations say these centres are designed to "reorientate" pass offenders by making them aware of "the necessity of the laws of South Africa". Offenders may be held in the rehabilitation centres for up to three years.

According to Mr Punt Janson, Deputy Minister of Bantu Administration, the centres were being established with the full knowledge of the homeland governments. However, today Chief Buthelezi of Kwazulu said he could not recall being informed about the scheme, while Mr Kenneth Mopeli, Chief Minister of Qwaqwa, said it was "the first time I have learnt of it".

Both leaders said they were opposed to the idea of their territory being used as a "dumping ground" for pass offenders. Other leaders have also denied being consulted about the scheme.

The plan to establish the centres has been described by Mr Janson as a means of preventing "derelicts, idlers and loafers from becoming hardened criminals".

However, it has been attacked by Mrs Sheena Duncan, national president of the Black Sash organization which assists pass offenders, as being "reminiscent of the statutes of communist Russia and the Third Reich". The *Rand Daily Mail* described the establishment of the centres as "an Orwellian process".

According to the regulations, pass offenders are to be detained in the centres to improve their "physical, mental and moral condition by training them in habits of industry and work, reorientating them to the tradition and customs of their own ethnic groups and generally cultivating them in the habits of good citizenship".

Chief Buthelezi said today that it was unfair of the Government "to dump these people in our laps when they are—born and bred in the cities". He felt the scheme could cause a backlash because so-called offenders would resent being sent to the centres and would accuse the homeland leaders of conniving with the Government.

Pass laws, he added, were devised by the Government and it, not the homeland leaders, should accept responsibility for carrying them out. He wanted to see the pass laws scrapped altogether.

Apollo crew head for the last splashdown

From Pearce Wright
Houston, July 22

The last men ever to splashdown in an American Apollo spacecraft will drop into the Pacific west of Hawaii at 21.18 GMT on Thursday. The next American astronauts will return in a space craft shaped like a stubby aircraft that will land on a special three-mile runway at Cape Canaveral.

This will be in four to five years' time and there is at least one caveat to this proposal to launch the new generation of reusable space vehicles, namely the endorsement of the programme by a congressional committee. It begins its inquiry this week.

Since £1m a day is already being spent on development of the Shuttle project, the review can be considered the point of no-return by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa): approval of a further year's work on the scheme would make cancellation unlikely though, of course, not impossible.

For the next few years the Americans will see the Russians continuing to launch manned spacecraft and to build space stations in orbit while the United States perfects its new transport system.

Against that background it is difficult to see where further cooperation between America and the Soviet Union will take place after the 10-day experiment in détente of the joint Apollo-Soyuz venture which closes on Thursday.

The flight must rank as the most expensive and exotic gesture in diplomacy but it has produced some immediately observable benefits.

The superpowers have been seen to collaborate in carrying out highly technical work under circumstances demanding trust and understanding. But the two are still rivals, as comments about the future from both sides have made clear.

Whether the Russians will continue with the openness displayed over the past week in response to the American way of doing things, seems questionable. At the same time there are good reasons not to place a mantle of righteousness round Nasa. In the early days of the space programme there were mistakes, soaring costs and motives that were brought into the open only by an inquiring American press.

Houston, July 22.—The cramped living quarters in their cabin may be getting a little overpowering for the three Apollo crew members after their week in space.

When told today by Houston controllers that a new type of underwear impregnated with deodorant that can survive 50 washings had been developed, Brigadier-General Thomas Stafford, the Apollo commander, replied: "How about sending us up a batch if those? We sure can use it. We haven't had a shower in a week. You hit us where it hurts."

To squeeze the utmost scientific information from their last days in space, General Stafford, Mr Vance Brand and Mr Donald Slayton are using the Apollo as an orbiting laboratory.

Photographs are being taken of oceans and continents from 140 miles up. Currents off South America, the Peruvian desert, and the Orinoco river delta are among the areas selected for the recording of information that will be invaluable to geologists and oceanographers.—Reuter.

Moscow, July 22.—Mr Alexei Yelisseyev, flight director for the Soviet end of the Soyuz-Apollo mission, predicted today that countries round the world in future will help track the spaceships of other nations and go to their rescue in emergency.

The joint flight had demonstrated how to use tracking stations of different nations for rescue work, he told journalists. The problem was more juridical than technical.

"I believe in future there will be treaties and legal documents in which all tracking stations, no matter which country they belong to, will help in bringing down alien ships, as we have now with aircraft."

Mr Callaghan to visit Hungary next week

By Roger Berthoud

Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, is to pay an official visit to Budapest next week, immediately before he goes to Helsinki for the summit finale of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

He will spend Monday and Tuesday in Budapest discussing East-West relations including trade. In 1974, British exports to Hungary, mainly of heavy machinery, were 60 per cent up at £44 million, against £25 million of imports, mainly textiles, shoes and wine.

Among those whom Mr Callaghan is expected to meet is Mr James Kadar, First Secretary of the Communist Party.

His visit to Hungary is thought by officials to be the first by a British Foreign Secretary.

The Foreign Secretary will be accompanying Mr Wilson to Hamburg on Thursday for an informal meeting with Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor.

Mr Wilson will be going to Helsinki next Tuesday. The date of his return will depend on the rhythm of activities, both multilateral and bilateral, in the Finnish capital.

Compensation for some Britons in Cyprus

By Our Foreign Staff

Certain British subjects with property in the Turkish area of Cyprus will receive compensation for damage inflicted after the Turkish military intervention, Mr Necati Sager, representative of the "Turkish Federated state of Cyprus" in London said yesterday.

Mr Sager did not yet have the text of an assurance to this effect from Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader reported earlier from Cyprus by the BBC.

He made it clear that compensation would be a complicated business. Ownership would have to be registered and then established, claims lodged and verified, and the timing and cause of damage established. He thought a figure of around £2.5m might be involved.

British subjects of Greek origin would not be eligible, he said, at least until Turkish Cypriot claims against Greek Cypriots going back to 1963 had been settled satisfactorily.

Claims could be made only for damage caused by Turkish Cypriots after control had been established in the northern part of Cyprus.

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OVERSEAS

Expelled 'Times' correspondent describes his farewell to India

From Peter Hazelhurst
Karachi, July 22

The irony of the situation hit us as the American jumbo aircraft sank down to land at Karachi airport. Four years ago, we had been winging our way across the Indo-Pakistan subcontinent in the opposite direction, toward a democratic India, to report on Pakistan after we had been searched and expelled by the repressive military regime under President Yahya Khan.

At the time, we were welcomed by the Indians who were quick to moralize against press censorship and the iniquities of the autocratic regime on their western border.

Now the pendulum had taken a full swing. Expelled from India at 24 hours notice and after being subjected to a humiliating search at Delhi airport, I and two colleagues found ourselves flying towards Pakistan this morning to report on India —because we refused to sign a pledge compelling us to abide by the country's new restrictive and impossible censorship regulations.

It had been a clear but heart-wrenching decision for the three of us—Mr Peter Gill of *The Daily Telegraph*, Mr Loren Jenkins of *Newsweek* and myself. For during the combined 14 years we covered India as journalists we had, in our own way, developed a special relationship with what was once regarded as the largest democracy in the world.

On Sunday night we were given the choice: sign a pledge which would force us in moral and legal terms to report only what the Government decrees, or leave the country within 24 hours, never to return.

The choice was clear. By signing the document we would have agreed to observe censorship guidelines which prohibit, among other things, the publication of names of political detainees, reports of Opposition speeches in Parliament, proceedings of Mrs Gandhi's appeal against corrupt electoral practices in the Supreme Court, and the most mundane or innocuous form of criticism of the Government's economic policies or the Prime Minister's office.

The cold, personal realization that India has moved rapidly away from its past democratic traditions hit me when the three plainclothes members of the Foreign Registration Department and an inspector from Delhi's airport police strode across the hotel lobby on Sunday night and served me with a deportation order.

I was later informed that the order would be revoked if I signed the censorship pledge within the next 24 hours. In the meantime, the three of us had received cables from our respective editors supporting our stand.

On Monday, as other journalists began to sign the pledge, it became apparent that the Government hoped that we would capitulate. But by the evening, as the 24 hours' period drew to a close, officials were begging us to sign an emasculated form of the original pledge.

> An official said: 'We must force you to sign. How else could we control your newspaper?'

But when it appeared that even that pledge amounted to self-imposed censorship, the three of us drove out to Palam airport shortly before the deadline expired on Monday night, and surrendered ourselves to the security police. We were taken to the international transit lounge and were forced to sit for eight hours waiting for the first available flight out of Delhi.

At first, we were treated politely and were allowed to wander in and out of the transit lounge at will. But as departure time approached, all pretences of courtesy were dropped. Our bags and papers were rifled and submitted to a minute and humiliating scrutiny by police and customs officers. Notebooks, visiting cards, tape cassettes and personal diaries were examined and reexamined. Mr Jenkins was forced to play six tape cassettes of music to suspicious customs officers before he was allowed to pass through the checkpoint.

Oddly, the officials, who were obviously under instructions from the Home Office to search us as though we were criminals, displayed little interest in political notes and pamphlets, throwing the papers nonchantly back into our bags. However, they displayed a vicious interest in personal documents, names of friends and contacts.

At one stage, I was forced to telephone a senior official in the Foreign Office at 5 am on Tuesday to protest against the search after a police inspector pocketed one of Mr Gill's telegrams from a personal friend. After a heated row, the telegram was returned but police had evidently noted down many names of Indians.

The crisis which led to our expulsion has been building up in Delhi for several weeks.

For nearly four weeks, foreign journalists have been ignoring censorship regulations whenever it has been possible to bypass official communication channels. But on Saturday, the crisis came to a head two days before Parliament was due to meet to ratify or reject the state of emergency.

Thrown into a state of near panic by fear that left-wing members of Parliament might speak out against the emergency to ridicule Mrs Gandhi's assertion that the Government had acted to counter a "right-wing plot", the Government had already issued censorship guidelines to the press stipulating that only ministerial speaches in Parliament may be published in future.

On Friday, a large number of foreign journalists were issued with passes for the press gallery. But within 24 hours, reporters were told to surrender their passes because new documents were to be issued to those who signed a pledge abiding themselves to censorship regulations. Out of the 13 journalists who have been blatantly evading the censors, the Government had apparently decided to make an example of Mr Gill, Mr Jenkins and myself.

On Saturday evening we were summoned before a hitherto amiable information officer, Mr Harry d'Penha, India's harassed Chief Censor, and told that we would have to leave the country within 24 hours unless we gave the Government a written undertaking that we would abide by censorship regulations.

We informed him that in principle, we could not sign away our credibility, but would consult our editors over the weekend. On Sunday, we were repeatedly asked whether we had received a reply.

As the day wore on, the once friendly information officers who were only recently outspoken protagonists of Indian democracy, were developing into petty tyrants. One senior official from the press information bureau dismissed our protests with the words, "Of course we must force you to sign. How else could we control your newspaper?

Just as I received *The Times*' instructions not to sign the pledge, the deportation order was signed. Early next morning 20 foreign correspondents called on Mr V. C. Shukla the Minister for Information and Broadcasting to protest against the rigid censorship laws (local journalists have been chastized for writing about 200 years of American democracy, alluding to the current situation in India.

Mr Shukla declared that he would be unconcerned if the entire Western press was withdrawn from India. However, he later instructed officials to work out a new arrangement for the foreign press.

The three of us threatened with deportation were promised that if we complied with the new liberalized censorship rules, the orders would be revoked at the last minute. After hours of protracted discussions between senior officials and foreign journalists, the Government agreed to withdraw its demand that all reports must be submitted to censor provided reporters signed a new pledge declaring: "I undertake to comply with censorship guidelines of the Government of India and instructions issued thereunder by the responsible authorities. I have received the guidelines."

Mr Gill, Mr Jenkins and I came to the conclusion, after examining the new proposal, that the declaration amounted to an agreement to endorse self-imposed censorship.

We shook hands with officials we had known for years as they pleaded with us to reconsider our decision and sign. As we left the ministry, an Indian journalist and close friend for years put his arms around my shoulder and said: "If you had backed down we would have lost faith."



An embalmed corpse found in a tomb some 2,100 years old which was excavated by Chinese archaeologists recently in Hupei province.

Labour unrest spreading in Argentina

Buenos Aires, July 22.—Dr Pedro Bonnani, the former Finance Minister, was sworn in today as Argentina's fourth Economy Minister in 10 months, as political tension eased.

But labour unrest continued, caused by severe austerity measures introduced early last month, and a breakaway left-wing Peronist group called for the resignation of President Isabel Perón and new presidential elections.

Dr Bonnani, aged 69, a lawyer and economist who served under the late President Juan Perón, takes over from Señor Celestino Rodrigo who was dismissed yesterday after 49 troubled days in office. He faces the task of salvaging the country's deteriorating economy, damaged by declining production, falling exports and widespread labour unrest.

Pilots of the state-owned Aerolines Argentina's airline, staged a 72-hour strike in support of higher salaries. All the airline's domestic and international flights were cancelled and the pilots said they might prolong the strike if their demands were not met by Thursday night.

Doctors employed by the public health service demonstrated in the central Plaza de Mayo to demand higher pay and were dispersed by police using teargas. Four demonstrators were arrested.

Plot leaders expected wide support, Athens trial told

From Mario Modiano
Athens, July 22

The Athens court martial trying 21 Army officers for an alleged anti-Government plot last February, heard from a prosecution witness today that the defendants were boasting that their coup would have had the support of a former Prime Minister, the Church, and the entourage of King Constantine, the deposed monarch.

Major Nikolaos Tsangarakis alleged that, on instructions from the chief of the Army, he had allowed himself to be lured by the conspirators. His mission would have been to neutralize the telecommunications network at Larissa, the centre of the conspiracy.

On February 22, he said, he attended with six of the defendants a secret meeting in Larissa. They were told that the coup was due to take place some time between the next day and March 8. The signal for action would have come from Athens.

It was the information obtained from Major Tsangarakis that led to the officers allegedly involved in this plot being rounded up on February 24, cashiered and indicted. Retired General Ioannidis, the former dictator, and a retired colonel charged as leaders of the plot, will be tried later

The witness said that during the secret meeting in Larissa Brigadier George Lamboussis, who is one of the defendants, spoke of a plan to seize control of several Army units

"The brigadier told us that from the political side we should expect support from (Mr Stefanos) Stefanopoulos (the former Premier) and from Archbishop Seraphim

Aegean air talks resume

From Our Correspondent
Athens, July 22

Greece and Turkey today resumed negotiations in Athens on their dispute about air traffic control, which has disrupted international airline flights across the Aegean Sea for a year.

Turkey is questioning Greece's right to control the flight information region (FIR) over the Aegean all the way to the Turkish territorial waters zone. It has asked that all flights bound for the Turkish FIR should give advance notice long before crossing the dividing line

At the first meeting in Ankara a month ago, it was arranged to exchange information on military flights on either side of the border line

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Crossman: Attorney General's role in public interest

Attorney General v Jonathan Cape Ltd and Others

Attorney General v Times Newspapers Ltd

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice

When the Attorney General opened the case in which he seeks to restrain publication of the late Richard Crossman's *Diaries of a Cabinet Minister* he said that he believed it to be the first occasion when the Attorney General of the day had deemed it necessary to take such action, and he found himself, however reluctantly, seeking relief.

Two actions have been brought. The first is against Jonathan Cape Ltd and Hamish Hamilton Ltd, publishers, and Mrs Anne Patricia Crossman, Mr Graham Carlton Greene and Mr Michael Foot, sued as Mr Crossman's literary executors. The second action is against Times Newspapers Ltd, publishers of *The Sunday Times* in which extracts of the *Diaries* have been published.

Mr Sam Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, Mr Gordon Slynn, QC, Mr Harry Woolf and Mr David Evans for the Attorney as plaintiff; Mr Brian Neill, QC, Mr Leonard Hoffmann and Mr Gavin Lightman for the publishers and literary executors; Mr James Comyn, QC, and Mr Charles Gray for Times Newspapers.

The Attorney General said that the relief claimed in the action against the publishers and literary executors was "An injunction to restrain the defendants, and each of them, by themselves their servants or agents or otherwise from printing, publishing, distributing, selling or otherwise disclosing in any manner whatsoever, or causing to be printed, published, distributed, sold or otherwise disclosed in any manner whatsoever, the contents of the book or books or any part or parts of such contents or any extract or extracts therefrom".

In the action against *The Sunday Times* the claim was different. It was for "an injunction to restrain the defendant by itself, its servants or agents or otherwise from printing, publishing, distributing, selling or otherwise disclosing or producing in any manner whatsoever, or causing or permitting to be printed, published, distributed, sold or otherwise disclosed or reproduced in any manner whatsoever (1) the content of (a) a book or books entitled *The Diaries of a Cabinet Minister* by Richard Crossman (deceased) or (b) an account kept by him in the form of a diary or diaries in whatever manner the same was or is recorded or reproduced or any part or parts of such contents or any extract or extracts therefrom or any other material which records or reveals details of the classes of discussions or communication or papers referred to in paragraph 2 (below) in connexion therewith without supplying a copy of any such material as it is proposed to print, publish, sell or otherwise disclose or reproduce to the Secretary to the Cabinet not later than 14 days prior to the intended date of printing, publishing, distributing, selling or otherwise disclosing or reproducing; and (2) Any part or parts or extract or extracts of such contents or any other material in connexion therewith as record or reveal (i) detailed discussions in cabinet or cabinet committee, the record of such discussions and papers prepared for or arising out of those discussions; (ii) detailed discussions or communications between ministers and between ministers and advisers concerning the development or formulation of policies and their execution; (iii) detailed discussions and communications between ministers and their advisers and between the persons responsible for the appointment and transfer of members of the public service concerning the appointment and transfer of senior members of the public service and their fitness for positions of responsibility".

The Attorney said that all the matters in paragraph (2) were a material part of the book and, so far as they knew, the diaries. They had been referred to in correspondence as the "parameters" or "criteria".

The book covered the period 1964-66, when he was a Cabinet Minister, but there were other diaries or material which might eventually become further volumes. The difference in the claims was because *The Sunday Times*, on the evidence at any rate, only proposed to publish extracts and had not submitted those extracts to the Secretary to the Cabinet. The literary executors had submitted the book.

If extracts were not to be printed without giving 14 days' notice to the Secretary to the Cabinet it would enable him to consider the intended publication and, if necessary, to report to the Attorney General, who might then take such action as he thought fit. It also gave the secretary an opportunity to propose amendments.

Publication of matters of confidence had been recognized, indeed by the House of Lords, as being contrary to the public interest.

The three categories set out in the claim were not exhaustive. They were the minimum relevant categories so far as concerned the first volume, and it was assumed that the same categories would be relevant to any subsequent volumes.

It was agreed by the parties that there were classes of information which should not be disclosed. The issues were: (1) how wide were the classes entitled to "protection"; (2) how long should the protection last; (3)—and most important—did the courts have the power to provide whatever degree of protection they held to be required, or putting it on the other side, was the position in law as the Attorney understood the defendants' claim—that the courts were powerless to provide even the minimum degree of protection which they might hold necessary in the public interest (apart from the question of security) that matter should not be disclosed for the moment.

Had the courts the power to protect the trade secrets of the boardroom, confidences of marriage, the correspondence between client and professional adviser, the identity of the victim of blackmail, but not confidential discussion about high matters of state between minister and minister? In putting the matter that way the Attorney did not seek in any sense to belittle the importance of the citizen's right to be informed or the importance of the rights of those who sought to inform him frankly and fearlessly—indeed as frankly and fearlessly as those who sat round the Cabinet table.

Those were rights and duties which a democracy must seek to reconcile, and the courts, woven as they were into the fabric of that democracy, should have the power and duty to achieve that reconciliation and, having achieved it, to enforce it.

Turning to the history of the events, the Attorney said that the proceedings were inevitable unless the defendants were entitled to disregard and, in disregarding, to destroy a principle which had been hitherto generally accepted as governing the offices of those who held high responsibility under the Crown, who received information given and received on a basis of confidence.

Mr Crossman described himself as a "lifelong political scientist". In an affidavit Mrs Crossman said: "My husband had been keeping a political diary since the 1950s with a view to writing 'his great work' on the British Constitution and also his memoirs. He decided to publish his diaries as diaries in 1966 after reading Lord Blake's *Life of Disraeli* . . . He said to Lord Blake: 'The one thing which you leave out which would have interested me so much is any account of Disraeli's life as a minister; how he organized his life, how his private office was organized, how many letters he received, how many letters he wrote, how many meetings he attended, where he worked, how he worked'. Lord Blake said that . . . no [such] information existed. . . .

"My husband then said to me: 'Why shouldn't I publish my diaries? There is a gap in the people's knowledge of public life. My diaries would simply give a picture of how a Cabinet minister organizes his life, what his relations are with his department, how he organizes his meetings or how his meetings are organized for him, what he does with his day, how his time is divided up, how much time he spends in his office, how much in Cabinet, how Cabinet decisions are reached, what kind of discussion goes on, how much time it takes—all that kind of thing would be extremely interesting raw material for political scientists and historians'. He wanted the material to be available to contemporary historians while it was still relevant and instructive".

The Attorney asked his Lordship particularly to note the last sentence because one of the issues might well be a question of time. His Lordship might feel that there was a dilemma. There were those who said that material of that kind should not be published until it was historical or until those who took part were no longer part of the political scene. Those criteria might well not be the same as Mr Crossman's.

It was true that many politicians, including many former ministers, had published memoirs, and apart from assisting historians to know what went on, it was well-known that they might be a source of substantial financial profit. Mr Crossman's decision to reveal what he called "the secret face of British politics" was deliberately intended to change the existing practices with regard to publication of memoirs. His intention was to drive a coach and horses through those practices by ignoring them rather than by seeking to use his powerful influence to have them changed.

The practice was that a minister or former minister who intended to write about his experiences in office was permitted to refresh his memory by inspecting and, if necessary, copying the material documents which were before him when in office. He received assistance from the Secretary to the Cabinet and the secretariat. Mr Crossman took full advantage of the facility, with his assistant, Dr Janet Morgan, who helped with the book.

The other side of the coin was that a minister or former minister who wished to publish was "expected" to submit his writing to the Cabinet Secretary to enable him to examine the work to see to what extent it might fail to comply with the parameters and to assist the writer to keep within the accepted rules.

Such matters were set out in a periodically revised document issued under the authority of the Prime Minister. The Queen had authorized its production to his Lordship.

The Lord Chief Justice: Would it contain the 30 year rule?

The Attorney said that he was not sure. It was a general guide for ministers relating to such matters as the use of official transport, but it contained also much information relating to records and papers, and what was to happen on a change of governments.

The document contained a clear expression of both principle and practice. Of course, it was open to people to take the view that it was wrong, but the principles and practices were in operation when Mr Crossman was a minister and by which he must be taken to have regarded himself bound.

The document handed to his Lordship was published in 1969, while Mr Crossman was still in office. There were successive editions which differed within themselves.

The Lord Chief Justice: From what source do alterations come?

The Attorney said that they were the Prime Minister's although a particular matter might be controversial within the Cabinet. If it were, the Cabinet reached a collective decision and the Prime Minister gave effect to it.

The Cabinet Secretary kept Cabinet records. When a minister wished to publish his memoirs he brought them to the secretary for "clearance". The secretary sought to reach agreement with the writer. There was a tradition of reasonable flexibility. He took account of the well-understood and natural desire of former ministers to defend their own policies. There might be "grey areas", and a point might be stretched a little to enable the minister's objective to be achieved.

It was normal for agreement to be reached, but the secretary himself had no power of censorship. Happily it was rarely necessary for him to report to the Treasury Solicitor that a proposed work substantially disregarded the criteria. If that happened it was necessary for the Attorney General independently to consider whether to take action.

But it was not to be thought that the Attorney necessarily shut his eyes and ears to all matters. If he wanted to consult about some matter he could, but in the end it was his independent decision and responsibility.

This was, it was thought, the first case when the Attorney General had deemed it necessary to take action. It was no coincidence that the work with which the proceedings were concerned was the first work of its kind. Because of the manner in which Mr Crossman drove a coach and horses through the rules the Attorney found himself, however reluctantly, seeking relief from his Lordship.

The Attorney General then considered the correspondence. In a letter Sir John Hunt, Cabinet Secretary, sent to Dr Morgan he expressed surprise at a report in *The Sunday Times* that Mr Crossman had delivered the *Diaries* to the editor before his death since he had recognized the need to submit the manuscript to Sir John. Dr Morgan reassured Sir John that the literary executors were fully aware of the undertakings given to him and proofs were duly sent to the Cabinet Office.

On November 11, 1974, Sir John wrote to Mr Harold Evans, editor of *The Sunday Times*, requesting an undertaking to give 14 days' notice of any intention to publish extracts. His Lordship might think that from that time a new approach emerged from the defendants. *The Sunday Times* refused to give an undertaking.

Extracts proposed to be printed were sent to Sir John, who did not consider that they conformed with the minimum parameters. Material was submitted before publication and the correspondence illustrated how matters had proceeded in a measure of agreement. Unhappily *The Sunday Times* had paid progressively less regard o Sir John's observations; and a letter of February 14, 1975, on behalf of Sir John expressed anxiety about passages which had appeared detailing a blow by blow account of a Cabine dicussion.

The Attorney referred to the previous proceedings relating to interlocutory injunction and undertakings which had been heard first by Mr Justice Ackner and, on the very day on which he gave his judgment, also by the Court of Appeal (*The Times*, June 27).

Turning to his submissions on the law, the Attorney said that he understood that one issue was whether he had a locus standi in the matter.

The Attorney's role had different aspects, all of which derived from his position as a minister of the Crown holding a particular office and having particular functions in various different fields which derived from it. One saw them demonstrated in his appearing as amicus curiae to assist the court, or granting a fiat in a case of a prosecution where statute required it, or bringing matters before the court which were alleged to be contempt and so on.

One aspect of the Attorney's position was that where there was no appropriate government department to enforce a right of the Crown in an action, then, by virtue of his office and the statutory recognition given to his power in the Crown Proceedings Act, 1947, the Attorney might take proceedings on behalf of the Crown to enforce it.

Another role of the Attorney was as guardian of the public interest. Although that role was always treated as being distinct from his capacity in other respects, in reality it was one which he had on behalf of the Crown—in the aspect under consideration in the Crown's capacity as protector of the public interest; so that he could bring proceedings to protect the public interest.

Protection of the public interest had become more important as the years went by. It was well illustrated by authority such as *Adams v Adams* ([1971] P 188), a case which arose out of the position of Rhodesia and the authority of the Rhodesian courts.

The Lord Chief Justice: I should not have thought that there was much question, if once you establish that there is an issue, that you are the right person to bring it.

The Attorney, continuing, said that *R v Lewes Justices, Ex parte Secretary of State* ([1973] AC 388) was authority for saying that the Attorney had a duty rather than a privilege to protect the public interest. In either case it was ultimately for the court to decide whether it was in the public interest for a document to be disclosed.

An aspect of the Attorney's duty to intervene in the public interest was that it was in the public interest that the confidentiality of a document should be safeguarded.

Certain documents were treated as being immune from disclosure from their very nature—documents such as Cabinet minutes and other documents of the kind with which the court was concerned. The Attorney would be bringing before his Lordship affidavits of ministers of the Crown in a high position. Their special knowledge might help in dealing with the matter.

In *Attorney General v Times Newspapers Ltd* ([1974] AC 273) an injunction was sought to prevent an article being published as it would prejudice a subsequent fair trial. It followed from the speeches in the House of Lords that even where a party might have a prima facie right to publish on the doctrine of confidentiality it was still the Attorney's function to intervene.

The present proceedings had been brought primarily to protect the public interest in good government, of which collective responsibility was a major pillar. Therefore the Attorney's role as guardian of the public interest gave him a locus and created a duty on him to intervene.

His role went beyond that. Intercourse in government between minister and minister and Cabinet and department was intercourse between officers of the Crown in the affairs of the Crown. If such occasions understood to be confidential were not confidential, good government was not possible. Confidentiality was owed by each minister not only to each minister but also to the Crown since each minister was an officer of the Crown. Therefore even if each minister whose confidence was breached could sue on his own account so could the Crown through the Attorney General.

The public interest in non-disclosure had to be weighed against disclosure in the interests of justice. That was considered in *Conway v Rimmer* ([1968] AC 910). The courts should recognize that even if injustice to an individual resulted there was a higher public interest in relation to the protection of a certain class of material. In the present case the public interest in relation to a citizen being informed clashed with the interests of the machinery of government.

The hearing was adjourned.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Goodman, Derrick & Co; Paisner & Co; Denton, Hall & Burgin.

Councils and repair of vandal damage in high rise flats

Liverpool City Council v Irwin and Another

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Ormrod

As the law stands and until Parliament changes it, there is no implied contractual obligation on the landlord of a high-rise block of flats to keep the lifts, staircase and common parts of the building reasonably fit for use by the tenants, their families and visitors. The courts cannot imply such a term so as to make a council liable to tenants for inconvenience and discomfort caused by uncontrollable acts of vandalism and hooliganism. But Lord Denning, who considered that such a term should be implied, said that the obligation was not absolute and that tenants themselves could do much to improve the situation by disciplining the youngsters who did the damage.

The Court of Appeal, by a majority, so held in allowing an appeal by Liverpool City Council from Judge Cunliffe at Liverpool County Court who had held, on the council's claim for possession of a council maisonette on the ninth floor of Haigh Heights, a high-rise tower block, against the tenants Mr Leslie Irwin and his wife for non-payment of rent, and a counter-claim by the tenants for damages for breach of, inter alia, the duty to repair, that the tenants were entitled to nominal damages of £10.

The case is a test case of importance to all local authorities and landlords.

Mr H. E. Francis, QC, and Mr John Boggis for the council; Mr Gerald Godfrey, QC, and Mr D. Marshall Evans for the tenants.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in 1966 the council demolished houses unfit for human habitation in Everton, and built three tower blocks. But within 18 months they were not fit for habitation. They became known as "The Piggeries". The council had done their best to make them fit, but with little success. It would seem that they ought to be demolished. The tenants said that the council were in breach of implied terms of their tenancies and ought to recompense them for the appalling conditions.

The conditions were largely due to hooligans and vandals. The tower blocks, 15 storeys high, each housing 70 families, were divided into maisonettes suitable for couples with young children. There were two lifts and a staircase. There was a rubbish chute, with a door on each landing for tenants to push their rubbish in. A resident caretaker was always on duty.

What happened? The lifts were continually out of action. The housing officer said that they were permanently vandalized; that the staircase lighting was virtually non-existent; and that they had tried everything.

The judge described a visit to the block: "I travelled to the ninth floor by lift. Half an hour later no lift was operating and I had to return to the ground floor by the staircase: there was no light. . . . We had to negotiate 90 to 100 steps . . . by holding on to the handrail. . . . But I heaved a great sigh of relief when I did reach ground level. How on earth a woman with two or three small children and possibly laden with a shopping basket could be expected to negotiate those stairs with any degree of peace of mind baffles me."

On repairs to the two lifts £14,024 had been spent in 18 months; the rent roll was only about £15,000 a year.

The rubbish chute frequently became blocked because the tenants threw down it anything they wanted to get rid of—rolls of lino, television frames, a flock mattress.

The lavatory cisterns often overflowed

Mr Irwin had gone into his maisonette when it was new. He paid a low rent—£3 1s 10d a week, inclusive of rates. His "conditions of tenancy" contained things which the tenant was to do or not to do: but not a single word about anything the council was to do or not to do.

If the judge's decision was right the tenants could recover high damages for gross discomfort and inconvenience. Such damages would offset their rents for years. In view of the small rent there should be some limit to what the tenant could claim. Collectively all the tenants must bear some responsibility for the appalling conditions. Singly they should not be able to claim damages if the council did the best they could with the resources available to them. But the court must consider the legal position.

Mr Godfrey had rightly conceded that the landlords were not in breach of the implied covenant for quiet enjoyment. Nor were the council under any common law duty to repair the maisonette itself, though they were under an implied covenant by section 32 of the Housing Act, 1961, to repair the structures or exterior and keep in repair the installations for water, gas or electricity.

But were the council under any contractual duty to the tenant to keep in repair the lifts and staircases which the council kept in their own control?

Since the Occupiers Liability Act, 1957, the council were under the common duty of care, owed to all visitors, tenants, wives, children, tradesmen, guests and all, to take reasonable care that the visitor would be reasonably safe in using the premises. It was concerned with safety, not with comfort or convenience. A visitor could claim damages if he fell down and was injured; but not for walking up and down 200 steps.

Was the council under a contractual duty to the tenant? If so, what was its extent? There was no express term. Was there an implied term?

It was often said that the courts only implied a term in a contract when it was reasonable and necessary to do so in order to give business efficacy to the transaction. The expressions in the cases on that matter had been repeated so often that it was with some trepidation that his Lordship ventured to question them.

His Lordship did so because they did not truly represent the way in which the courts acted. He cited from the authorities where the judgments showed that the court implied a term according to whether or not it was reasonable in all the circumstances to do so; and the only question was what was the extent of it. That was to be decided as a matter of law, not fact.

Lord Wright had pulled the blinkers off our eyes when he said in 1935 to the Holdsworth Club: "The truth is that the court decides this question in accordance with what seems to be just or reasonable in its eyes. The judge finds in himself the criterion of what is reasonable. The court is . . . making a contract for the parties—though it is almost blasphemy to say so": *Legal Essays and Addresses*, p 259.

Lord Reid put it simply in *Young & Marten Ltd v McManus Childs Ltd* ([1969] 1 AC 454, 465): "No warranty ought to be implied in a contract unless it is in all the circumstances reasonable."

Mr Francis said no term was to be implied about lifts and staircases and other common parts. But the cases he relied on had no application to blocks of flats where the landlord himself retained occupation and control of the roof, lifts, staircase, etc.

The question was the extent of the obligation.

In *Miller v Hancock* ([1893] 2 QB 177) Lord Esher and Lord Justice Bowen said the landlord was under an absolute obligation to maintain the staircase. Later cases had shown that it was not absolute; but it was certainly an implied obligation to use reasonable care. The proposition to that effect in *Woodfall on the Law of Landlord and Tenant* (27th ed 1968 p 657) had been accepted for 60 years. His Lordship did not think the 1957 Act had taken away that contractual obligation.

Was it confined to safety from personal injury, or did it extend to fitness for use? In his Lordship's view it was the landlord's obligation not only to keep lifts and staircase reasonably safe but also to keep them reasonably fit for use by the tenant, his family and visitors. If the lifts broke down the landlord ought to repair them.

His Lordship was confirmed in that view by the fact that the Law Commission had recommended that such a term should be implied by statute. His Lordship did not think we need wait for a statute—or that every litigant must meanwhile have his case decided by the dead hand of the past. He declined to reduce the judges to such a sterile role. They should develop the law, case by case, as they had done in the past

His Lordship would hold that for the common parts there was clearly to be implied a term such as the Law Commission recommended. The landlord must take reasonable care to keep the lifts, etc, safe and fit for use by the tenants and their families and visitors.

On the question whether there was evidence of a breach of that obligation, the tenant on the pleadings had alleged only an absolute warranty, so that there had been no inquiry into negligence. The two fundamental causes of the trouble were the design of the tower blocks and the vandals for which the council were not responsible. They did their best, but failed. As there was no absolute obligation the council was entitled to succeed on the facts.

The tenants were in a sense responsible for the state of affairs. Though there was no evidence that they or their families actually did the wicked damage, they could collectively do much to improve the situation by disciplining the youngsters. Other tower blocks a few streets away did not suffer the troubles. Nor should Haigh Heights. The appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL said that the tenants were not concerned to recover money but to establish a principle in relation to the vandalism which made their lives intolerable. They succeeded on their counterclaim. But the council was not concerned with the damages; they were deeply concerned with the principle. They said that, deplorable as were the matters complained of, they were not liable to the tenants in damages. Was their contention well founded?

The courts should not allow their natural sympathy for the tenants to cast a liability on the council if the law, viewed dispassionately, did not impose such a liability.

On the complaints relating to the common parts and the extent of the council's duty, Mr Godfrey formulated the question thus: "Has a landlord of a flat any obligation to his tenant, otherwise than by express covenant or statute, in relation to the maintenance and repair of the common parts of the building of which the flat in question forms part?" He contended that there was an implied obligation, urging the court to say that some of the older cases were inapposite to modern social conditions, especially in relation to the occupation of high-rise blocks of flats, and urged that the court should not shrink from implying such a term.

Mr Godfrey had boldly asserted the existence of an absolute duty to keep the common parts in repair and properly maintained, seeking to say it was analogous with the obligations imposed by section 32 of the Housing Act, 1961. But his Lordship could see no principle on which so onerous an obligation should be implied. It would mean that every time a lift or a staircase light was the subject of vandalism the council would be in breach.

Ultimately Mr Godfrey contended for the more limited implied obligation on the council to use reasonable care or their best endeavours to keep the common parts in a reasonable state of repair and maintenance. Mr Francis contended that apart from the statutory obligations under the 1961 Act and the Occupiers Liability Act there was no authority to support even that more limited contractual obligation.

There was no doubt some support for Mr Godfrey's submission in two of the judgments in *Miller v Hancock*. But not only was that a personal injury action in tort but also the law on the duty of care owed to persons such as the plaintiff in *Miller's* case—a visitor to the tenant—was at that date undeveloped. And *Miller's* case had been so much criticized in later cases and its actual decision had been overruled that it should now be finally consigned to the "special limbo reserved for wrongly decided cases".

His Lordship completely agreed with Lord Justice Ormrod as to what the law was today. A landlord's obligations to his tenant derived from either express covenant or statute. Ought the court to extend the law by implying an obligation into tenancy agreements, at least for high-rise blocks? The Master of the Rolls thought they should because it would be reasonable to do so.

But his Lordship could not agree that it was open to the court to imply a term because, subjectively or objectively, their Lordships as individual judges thought it would be reasonable so to do. It must be necessary in order to make the contract work as well as reasonable so to do, before the court could write into it some implied term which the parties had themselves, assumedly deliberately, omitted to do.

His Lordship found it impossible to believe, on the test of "necessary because both parties must have intended such a term", that the council would have said Yes, if asked whether it was their intention as well as that of their tenants that any of the implied terms for, which Mr Godfrey contended should be written into the contract. For the court now to imply such a term would be to legislate and not to construe a tenancy agreement. If the law was to be changed it must be by Parliament. But even if such a term should be implied his Lordship would not on the facts found by the judge be prepared to hold that there had been any breach of it by the council.

His Lordship then considered the judge's decision on section 32(1) of the 1961 Act and said that he could not agree that liability for breach of the section had been established against the council.

He would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Ormrod delivered a judgment concurring in allowing the appeal.

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Opposition's reasons for not voting with the Government

House of Commons

Debate was resumed on the Government motion to approve the White Paper, *The Attack on Inflation*, and on the Opposition amendment to make the motion read:

"That this House supports the Government's belated commitment to reduce the disastrous rate of inflation and their acceptance of the need both for strict cash limits throughout the public sector and for a substantial reduction in the level of pay settlements; regrets, however, Her Majesty's Government's prolonged failure to reduce public spending and to promote the prosperity of the private sector; and deplores their decision to increase indiscriminate subsidies and to proceed with further measures of nationalization, which are damaging in themselves and inconsistent with the conquest of inflation".

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (East Surrey, C), said that when the Government were moving in the right direction, the Opposition should support and not oppose them. That was why they would not vote against the White Paper.

The Opposition had been urging the Government to take action on inflation for month after month, and they welcomed the Government's belated repentance, so far as it was well conceived. Those who had thought the Opposition would act otherwise must have thought they would follow the example of the Opposition led by Mr Wilson.

I can give him an assurance that we shall not follow his example (he said). Some may have been expecting us to seek to undermine the authority of Government as he did. We shall not be following him in that either.

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister (Huyton, Lab)—Does Sir G. Howe mean that the Opposition will not vote against second reading of the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill?

SIR G. HOWE—We have tabled an amendment drawing the Government's attention to our clear reasons for anxiety at the Bill before the House. The Government will have every opportunity to respond to our anxiety and to our amendments. If they fail to do that, we shall vote in support of the amendment.

The nation was ready to make sacrifices provided the policies set before it were firm enough and severe enough. The situation was so grave that all the options before them were immensely hard.

Reductions in living standards were inevitable. Let the Prime Minister (he said) spell that out with greater clarity. Cuts in social programmes are inescapable. Let him spell that out with greater clarity. There will be a period of rising unemployment. Let him spell that out with equal clarity.

We call on the Prime Minister (he went on) to demonstrate far greater candour than he has ever so far displayed.

The Conservative Party abhorred the idea of unavoidable idleness for a single individual. They wished to return as soon as was consistent with the control of inflation to a high and stable level of employment.

A Socialist Government was presiding over an increase in unemployment. It had risen from 588,000 in March last year to 810,000 and was expected to rise to something like 1,500,000 next year.

Let us (he said) hear nothing from the Prime Minister to the effect that our policies will create unemployment. (Loud Conservative cheers.)

MR HEALEY, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Leeds, East, Lab)—The Opposition amendment asks for large increases in the cuts in public expenditure for the current year. How big an increase in unemployment is he prepared to accept as a consequence of these cuts?

Let him not dodge as his leader did yesterday. If he really takes the problem of unemployment seriously he must be honest about this and not conceal his views. (Conservative cries of "8.4 per cent".)

SIR G. HOWE—We have reached a fine pass when anyone in this House has to take lectures from Mr Healey. (Labour cries of "Answer".) Mr Healey is in no position to give me lectures in honesty. (Conservative cheers.)

We have reached a situation where we have got to make cuts in public spending now in order to prevent the prospect of still higher unemployment in the future. There is no escape from that.

Action now on these lines is needed, rather than action this year, next year, some time, never. (Conservative cheers.)

The Prime Minister's policies were creating unemployment. It was inescapable and part of the price the British people had to pay for his earlier delusions. There was now no escape from this vale of tears and the tragedy was that the Prime Minister had never had the courage to be half as frank as he ought to have been about this.

The Chancellor needed to go further in reducing public expenditure, and do it sooner. Action now was an essential part of long-term strategy, and the sooner we were through those unpalatable policies the sooner we could take the path towards prosperity. The Government's failure to act in that direction was only one of the reasons why the Opposition could not support the Government.

The Government obstinately insisted on going ahead with their programme of nationalization. What reasonable government could possibly wish to drive the nation's greatest asset, North Sea oil, into following the dynamic example set by the Post Office? (Conservative laughter.)

The Government were not entitled by any standards to call upon the nation to make still further sacrifices simply for the sake of socialism. (Conservative cheers.) That was one more reason why the Opposition could not support the Government.

Pay restraint was necessary, above all in the public sector, but what a horror it was that the country had to re-enter this particular tunnel and do it in such a fashion. In the way in which the Prime Minister had approached this question he had surpassed even his own records in equivocation.

Was it statutory, or was it not? The Chancellor yesterday described it as a voluntary policy with powerful sanctions and support from legislation. That did not exactly reek of voluntarism.

The Secretary of State for Employment used to be the champion of the rights of man, the defender of the rule of law and the upholder of parliamentary sovereignty. In the good old days he used to speak about these things as if he had invented them. Now, under this legislation, it was he and he alone who was to be prosecutor, judge, jury and court of appeal all in one. (Conservative laughter.)

Everything was to rest upon the sagging shoulders of the commissar for Ebbw Vale. (Renewed laughter.)

That was not all. They had been told that there was to be another Bill upon which all was to depend. They had been told by the Chancellor yesterday that the Bill would contain no sanctions against workpeople. But would it contain, for example, as in 1966, any sanctions against trade unions?

Where was this phantom Bill, this ectoplasmic document? It must exist. The Chancellor had quoted from it. The Prime Minister, heaven help them, had even promised to publish it. But when was it to be published? In the next volume of the Prime Minister's memoirs, perhaps. (Loud Conservative laughter.)

Even then they might not be satisfied, because at that moment of time the Attorney-General might appear in the House and move a writ to prohibit its publication. This was no way to treat Parliament—(Conservative cheers)—and no way to treat the nation.

These (he said) are the reasons why we cannot be expected to vote with the Government tonight: because of their contempt for Parliament and the nation, because of their continued commitment to disastrous and expensive measures of socialism, because of their failure to satisfy the House that they have yet come to the end of their Rake's Progress of public spending.

We shall not be voting against the Prime Minister tonight (he continued) because we support his commitment—at last—to the fact of inflation which is destroying our society. We support its commitment at last to set strict cash limits to the size of public spending.

When the time did arrive for Mr Wilson to stand firm on those commitments from wherever the challenge may come, then the Conservatives would give him—or any other elected government of the country—its positive and united support.

We shall give him that support (he continued) not because Mr Wilson has done anything to deserve it—he certainly has not. We shall support him not even because he is the best Prime Minister we have—he is not that either—but because the survival of democratic government depends on the willingness of the House to give support to its elected government and it will be forthcoming from the Conservative Party.

When the time comes for us to resume government we must hope the Labour Party by then will have found a leader with the guts to say the same. (Loud Conservative cheers.)

The year of fight back against inflation and the steady and remorseless rise in unemployment

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister (Huyton, Lab), said there was a contrast between a government with a clear and courageous policy and the determination to carry it through and an opposition with no clear policy. Sir Geoffrey Howe had confirmed that the Conservatives proposed not to vote against the Government or the White Paper but to vote against a legislative vehicle which made the White Paper policy a reality. I have never heard such humbug in my life (he said.)

When an opposition had no policy or was divided it either got preoccupied with petty procedural points, or by attacking personalities. Sir G. Howe did both.

The Government had been right to seek maximum agreement with the trade union movement. The attitude of the TUC General Council was significant. A vote against the White Paper tonight was a vote against the TUC's position. (Some Labour cheers.) Still more, it would be a clear signal from the House that they did not want their help; that the House thought it could do better on its own.

MR HEFFER (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—He says a vote against the White Paper is a vote against the TUC. Does he mean a vote against the 19 in the majority or the 13 TUC members in the minority who were against the decision?

MR WILSON—This will be a vote against the TUC General Council. I hope he will have noticed that some who voted in the minority at the General Council have reversed their decision. A vote against the White Paper is a perfectly honest thing to do, a fair and reasonable attitude for anyone to take against a background of particular views. But let them not again talk about the TUC or about what we said in our manifesto about reaching agreement with the TUC and having an agreed view of the trade union and political Labour movement. (Some Labour cheers.)

That is what it is about. Do not pretend, if you vote against, that you are safeguarding TUC interests. You are flying in the face of their decision.

MR RONALD THOMAS (Bristol, North-West, Lab)—Does the Prime Minister ask us to accept that this was really an agreement in the accepted sense of the word when, for some weeks, the TUC had been told that unless they came to some such agreement statutory controls would be introduced? We see this, I am afraid, as a piece of blackmail of the TUC.

MR WILSON—Mr Thomas cannot get away with this. He must recognize that the TUC General Council are responsible, adult, and mature people. They have far more experience of the trade union movement than he has. They are not the sort of people who would be blackmailed.

He may vote against, but do not let him pretend he is saving the soul of the TUC and trade union movement.

The Government had made clear their total commitment and determination to carry this policy through. This was a year of fight back against inflation and, by that same token, the steadily and remorselessly rising unemployment figures.

The majority of workers in nationalized industries understood that the alternative to the Government's policy would be a loss of jobs. In the coalmining industry, it would mean inhibiting expenditure the Government had sanctioned for the sake of saving pits in areas where there had been closures. A Yorkshire wage increase would have been Scotland's pit closure and that of Wales, and a lot of areas as well.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer had made clear in broad terms what would be in the reserve Bill. If they had to bring in statutory powers, the CBI accepted they would have to fall only on the individual employer and there would have to be protection against suits for conspiracy.

Mr Healey (he said) has told the House as much as it is possible for any Government to tell the House about legislation they hope not to bring in unless it becomes necessary.

Against this clearly defined policy (he said) and the Government's equally clear determination to make it effective we have to set the reactions expressed in this debate from the official Opposition.

Mrs Thatcher, yesterday, in a philosophical passage, had seemed distinctly sceptical about the possibility of success of any incomes policy. He did not understand whether she had agreed with her Government's policy in their time or kept tactically silent about it.

Nevertheless, there had been one or two important truths in what she had said. One was when she had stressed the need to ensure that enough thought was given to preparing for a re-entry policy.

She had not spelt out any policy whatever as an alternative to what the Government proposed. (Labour cheers.) She had failed to draw the distinction between an imposed policy such as her Government had had to insist upon and a voluntary policy such as that which her Government had sought but failed to get, which the present Government had secured.

The Government's policy now had the strong support of the country. All Mrs Thatcher could do was to plead the fifth amendment: that she was Leader of the Opposition and her party did not have to have a policy.

He had told her in May that House and country would like the privilege of being made privy to her secret thoughts about which items of public expenditure should be cut, but they were again disappointed yesterday.

Any possible analysis of her proposals in the House and her speeches outside must lead to the simple and incontrovertible conclusion that it was not that she was against public expenditure but that the total of her proposed reductions added up to far less than the increased expenditure for which she had so frequently and urgently called, and for which her party had voted.

He understood that Mrs Thatcher would like to halt Government legislation on North Sea oil, the NEB, Scottish Development Agency and Welsh Development Agency, and the Community Land Bill. Did she not realize the simple distinction between expenditure which involved a call on resources and expenditure which involved a simple transfer of assets between one ownership and another.

In terms of resources the transfer of assets had no effect and that was why these arguments were fallacious.

He asked Mrs Thatcher to forget the monetarists for a moment. She should not pin the future of her party on monetarism. This monetarism which the Opposition had suddenly got the bug on was a reaction to their monetary responsibility in the early 1970s.

I want her to realize (he said) that the remorse that follows a hangover is no basis for a lifetime of abstention, still less is it a basis for abstaining tonight. (Laughter.)

They read this morning that not having opposed the White Paper the Opposition now intended to vote against the legislative vehicle necessary to support the White Paper policy. This was incredible if it was true.

That meant that they would abstain on the end tonight but would reject the means tomorrow night. Their anxiety was that the White Paper could not be amended. But nor could the Pay Code under their legislation be amended. The legislation before the House relieved employers of certain obligations. The Opposition motion objected to that relief.

The vast majority of people of all parties, trade unionists and non-trade unionists, desperately wanted to see the Government's White Paper policy succeed. By one single ill-considered, perhaps wilful, act in pursuit of some procedural objective, Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues were telling the country that they knew better and they would frustrate that policy supported by almost all the nation by denying the necessary legislative support.

He called on Mrs Thatcher to think again. He called on the House to give to the Government's White Paper the same measure of support and resolve which the British people demanded.

Threat to democracy: Mr Heath advises 'Tell people stark horrors and they will respond'

MR HEATH (Bexley, Sidcup, C) said that the central issue of the debate was whether it was necessary for the Government to embark on the incomes policy set out in the White Paper.

It is for the House and for the country (he continued), the crucial issue with which we are confronted. My answer to it is a quite unequivocal "Yes". It is essential that the Government should pursue the incomes policy set out in the White Paper.

It became essential if the policy was to hold good that there should be sanctions behind it and this was where the Prime Minister should not make it more difficult than was necessary for those who wished to support his policy, to do so.

To have said (he continued) that the Bill is prepared and not to bring it to the House is indefensible. Even more so, not to give any reason for not bringing it to the House is offensive.

If the Bill was not prepared and not ready, then let the Prime Minister or the Chancellor tell the House so frankly. At any rate they could judge the Government on their incompetence rather than suspect their motives. On the whole he had always thought the former much better than the latter.

If a voluntary policy of that kind as set out was to succeed, the House must know the sanctions which were going to lie behind it before rising for the recess. It was intolerable to be asked to expect that people should become liable to penalties retrospective to August 1 when the legislation had not been seen and not been passed. He would ask the Prime Minister and the Cabinet to think further about that.

MR WILSON said that there was no question of that.

MR HEATH said that that had cleared the air, but it did not remove the offence to the House of not presenting a Bill or alternatively of saying why it had not been presented.

In our experience (he said) local government expenditure was the biggest loophole for inflation in the years 1972-74. The steps proposed in the White Paper go part of the way but they still leave a massive loophole, with local authorities being able to indulge in expenditure which is then put on to the rates, without grants.

Consent for the policy was necessary, but over a far wider field than the trade unions, the CBI and the Government. The consent of the great majority of people who did not belong to unions or did not take part in CBI activities was also necessary. Consent was also required of the House.

It was vital that out of the debate should go to the nation the view that the House believed the policy ought to have consent. After that they could start debating and discussing the details and getting them more suitable, acceptable and adaptable than some of them were at the moment.

The country faced a reduction in living standards, but it had never really been brought home to the people what the reduction was. It must be between 5 per cent and 10 per cent. That was an enormous amount to demand. Afterwards, they could consider how best the burdens could be borne. That then could become the basis for sound economic and social policy.

A nation facing crisis should be told precisely what was in front of it. Until the country was told graphically and saw what the situation was, they would not get the response vital for survival.

The danger was that having accepted £6, workers would find early in the New Year that already the rise in prices had gone past it. They would then turn to the Government and say they had been misled by the arrangement.

This is not to say people will not accept it if it is explained at the beginning as essential for the survival of our economy.

MR HEALEY—I spelt out in detail that the rate of inflation year on year is bound to increase for some months because of increases in the pipeline. I made this point clearly yesterday and I agree with the point Mr Heath makes.

MR HEATH—This is not what people understand. They do not recognize what month on month over a year means or saying the rate will be coming down, because what it means to them is that their postal and nationalized industry charges have gone up and £6 a week on nationalized industries is going to mean another £900m a year which has to come from somewhere. Local government will be £600m a year and these are additional wage costs which have to come from somewhere.

With increasing production in industry came higher unit costs and this had to be taken into consideration. When one added to that the depreciation in sterling, then prices were going to continue to go up. It was vital that this should be made clear at this stage.

Unemployment was going to continue to rise substantially. The OECD report today had said that even on past projections it was going to be 1,500,000 next year. That was much higher than had been told by the Government.

I believe in this situation of crisis (he went on) the country ought to be told what is going to happen to unemployment. I personally believe it will go higher. I believe that industry at this moment has a large number of people kept on the payroll who are economically unproductive. As the price code bears more harshly employers will have no alternative but to stand off those men and women.

If the country is told this is going to happen, then we shall have a better chance of the country understanding it and at least tolerating it for a period until the matter can be adjusted and put right.

If the level of unemployment was effective at some time in our history perhaps in the twenties, I believe it is far less effective now. On the other hand, the level of unemployment is less acceptable to people now than it was in the twenties and thirties. (Cheers.)

My anxiety is this: those who work on the shopfloor today are not prepared to see unemployment rising to what they describe as unacceptable levels—(renewed cheers)—because they expect institutions and the economic system to deal with the matter.

Here lies the greatest danger to free enterprise because we shall see those on the shopfloor turn on free enterprise and say: "As a system, you are not capable of providing employment". (Labour cheers.) Those below the gangway will be the first to play on this and I would not be surprised to see Mr Wedgwood Benn play a leading part in this.

This is the grave danger to this country and democracy and I say to Mr Wilson that if, as he says, he believes in the mixed economy, it is time in the interests of the nation that he fights for that sector of the mixed economy. We have to ensure its survival.

Those are the dangers of Mr Wilson's policy and I urge him to give attention to them. It is a matter of communication—and who am I to talk about communication?—(laughter)—and until the nation is asked to recognize these facts in all their stark horror, then we shall not get the response.

The Chancellor had said he was thinking in terms of several years. Nobody who had had experience of Government and administration could possibly want to have an incomes policy laid down with statutory backing. There were unfairnesses; there had to be adjustments made, but they were not half as bad as the unfairness of roaring inflation. (Cheers.)

Why in the last 30 years had they never been able to run the economy at a reasonable rate without crises of this kind? There was one fundamental answer—that it was an imbalanced economy in many different ways, regionally, for one, the developing power of unions for another, and the whole problem of what part Government should play in industry in a complex society like Britain's.

Their intentions ought to be concentrated not on an incomes policy, but how they were able to turn the economy into one which would have a reasonable balance either because of this distribution regionally, wealth, trade union power, management expertise and so on, in the same way the economy of West Germany was balanced today. If they looked at it from that point of view, they could get away from price control, statutory policies. That was the way in which a free, democratic society ought to move.

Looking back on the referendum campaign on Europe, one thing stands out (he said) and that is there were many people who played no part in our institutional life before but who suddenly felt they had a purpose to fulfil. Those people ought to be mobilized in the general battle against inflation. That is what I mean by the much wider consent than the trade unions and the CBI.

What finally settled that campaign was not all the niceties of the renegotiation and the differences here and there. What happened was that the public saw that here was a big issue which might not affect them so much as affect their children and grandchildren.

The House was debating just such a big issue: the major issue they had had in peacetime since 1931. It should be lifted up to a level at which people could see that the future of their whole standard of living was at stake. For that purpose there would be a sacrifice which would have to be fairly borne but was going to be a heavy sacrifice for a period until it was possible to start moving forward again.

The responsibility lay on the House to show the people that that was the issue and it was to that they could respond. (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

Meals-on-wheels for tenants leading to evasion of rent law

MR OVENDEN (Gravesend, Lab) was given leave to introduce the Rent Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill to extend security of tenure and rent regulations to tenants of non-resident landlords where meals were provided which were not prepared on the premises.

He said an ingenious and dishonest device was being used so that accommodation could be portrayed as something it was abundantly not and tenants could be charged extortionate rents. That was the provision of food, not kept or prepared on the premises and served to the tenants, but delivered by the landlord as a device so that the accommodation could be regarded as an hotel rather than as rented accommodation.

Such meals were not available to tenants as a service provided by caring landlords deeply concerned with the nutrition of their tenants.

The landlords involved were driving a coach and horses through the 1974 Rent Act. It was a coach disguised as a food wagon. These meals-on-wheels services provided the most expensive food in the country. The provision of a few eggs and bacon could increase the income from a property tenfold.

One of the estate agents of the Medway towns, C. O. Bills Ltd, was charging two families in one house a total of £50 a week in rent. One of the directors, Michael Bill, was planning to build a £300,000 golf course paid for, no doubt, by the ill-gotten gains extorted from homeless families. Those victims came not just from the Gillingham area. They included constituents of his on the council waiting list in Medway.

The company's directors grew rich while their tenants lived in rodent-infested, damp, and inadequate accommodation. Rents were too high for most people.

His Bill was not aimed at the genuine hotel or boarding house. It was intended to clip the wings of those unscrupulous landlords and estate agents who posed as hoteliers because they saw the chance of making exaggerated profits from sub-standard accommodation.

Those unscrupulous people were not making any extra accommodation available. Their activities were reducing the number of permanent homes available. The Bill would put an end to the scurrilous activities of those parasitic landlords before it became a national scandal rather than a local one.

The Bill was read a first time.

Homesickness should not stop Service career

MR GOULD (Southampton, Test, Lab) asked if the Secretary of State for Defence would review the system under which boys aged 16 could bind themselves to Army service for up to six years.

MR ROBERT BROWN, Under Secretary for the Army (Newcastle upon Tyne, West, Lab)—No. This matter was reviewed recently by Lord Donaldson's Committee on boy entrants and young servicemen and the Army's terms of engagement now incorporate certain options designed to safeguard the interests of junior entrants.

MR GOULD—Would Mr Brown accept that in any particular case it is neither to the Army's advantage nor of the boy concerned that he should be kept in the Army against his will? It cannot do any good to the Army's long-term recruitment prospects.

How is it justified that the police are used, as in the recent case of a boy aged 17 in my constituency? Is it not time that there are contracts of service containing normal adequate notice?

MR BROWN—It is fair to say and to be expected that all 17 year olds will feel the pangs of homesickness and I would not have thought it would have been a good thing to consider immediate release for a boy going through homesickness which would deprive him of a worthwhile career later in life.

Enlistment into the armed forces does not involve entering into a contract. Engagement as a member of the armed forces is at the discretion of the Crown. The law in relation to contracts does not apply.

MR THOMPSON (Galloway, Scot Nat)—While recognizing that Scottish law allows a 16 year old to marry, many of them are too immature psychologically to enter into a commitment in the armed services, bearing in mind the alluring advertisements used by the Services to attract young men, and which fail to point out they are going to be trained to kill or be killed.

MR BROWN—I accept the immaturity of 16 year olds and this is why all junior entrants may leave as of right at any time during the first six months of service.

MR CANAVAN (West Stirlingshire, Lab) later asked: Will the minister issue instructions to recruitment officers not to use undue pressure to exert unfair advantage on young people, many of whom are possibly faced with a dilemma of either joing the Forces or joining the dole queue?

In particular, will he do something about recruitment officers who go into schools to lure young boys into the Forces with the help of audio-visual aids which often give a misleading and exaggerated impression of life in the Forces. Such practices are often tantamount to baby snatching.

MR JOHN, Under Secretary for the RAF—We accept one in three of all applicants who come before the Service recruiting agencies. That is sufficient rebuttal of the point what we are anxious to snatch whoever comes into the recruiting office.

Service officers go into school to give factual information about the careers open to young people. I am anxious that they should give as realistic a picture of life in the Forces as possible. It does not suit our book to have glamorized pictures to which the reality will not match up.

Reserve powers will not be retrospective

During questions to the Prime Minister about the Government's White Paper *The Attack on Inflation*.

MRS MARGARET THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C), asked: Is he saying he will drop the reserve powers in the Bill on inflation if he cannot find a way of absolving the unions from the consequences of refusing to abide by a court's decision or will he go ahead with it in any event?

MR HAROLD WILSON (Huyton, Lab)—We have not said that at all. The Bill, which, we have said we would hold in reserve and would introduce if the general strategy was imperilled, would not involve the problem she is rightly concerned about. Her question raises issues which do not arise.

MR HURD (Mid-Oxon, C)—He should clarify the position of employers. Would it be possible, after August 1, that employers will be entering into commitments with their workforces which may constitute an illegal offence, of which they have no knowledge, carrying a penalty of which they have no idea, with the only certainty being that they have no protection whatsoever if other people try to force them to break the law?

MR WILSON—Mr Hurd has perhaps misunderstood the situation here. After August 1, there is no question of employers entering into commitments which they might find retrospectively would be against the law. There has been a misunderstanding here. I understand why. Mr Hurd need have no anxiety over this.

British army bands envy of the world

MR LITTERICK (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Defence to initiate a review of the purposes served by maintaining military bands.

MR ROBERT BROWN, Under Secretary for the Army (Newcastle upon Tyne, West, Lab)—A review of Service bands was completed as part of the recent defence review. We have no plans to conduct any further examination.

MR LITTERICK—With nuclear missiles and electronic guidance systems, the 95 bands are no longer relevant for any military purpose and the public relations or recruitment functions, which for a long time appeared to be a part of the bands' activities, are better carried out by the media.

MR BROWN—I do not agree with him that military bands are irrelevant. Silver, brass and military bands are a part of the tradition of this country which I hope we shall never lose. (Cheers.)

MR JESSEL (Richmond upon Thames, Twickenham, C)—The British Army bands are the envy of the world. (Cheers.) We are proud that they are trained at Kneller Hall in my constituency. Apart from being a morale booster these bands are worth their weight in gold because they are such a big draw to tourists.

MR BROWN—I agree with everything Mr Jessel says. I endorse what Mr Jessel says about Kneller Hall and I would like to welcome Mr Litterick down there to enjoy a band, because as much as military bands are loved in this country in my part of the world brass bands from miners' lodges are as well.

Mr Foot says reserve powers Bill would place him in difficulties

MR MENDELSON (Penistone, Lab) said the Government should reconsider their position on price control. If by the end of this year it was found that there was going to be a further increase of 20 per cent in the level of prices the whole policy would come apart in the Government's hands. Those who were supporting the policy because they favoured a reduction by 15 to 20 per cent of working class standards had better come clean. He would not support such a policy.

MR BURDEN (Gillingham, C) said the White Paper was an illustration of the Government's failure. It proved that they either believed their previous claims about the economy and that the Prime Minister and Cabinet were out of touch with reality or that they deliberately misled Parliament and conned the nation.

MR DUFFY (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab) said that in spite of the defiance of some Labour MPs there were growing signs that the Labour movement was coming to terms with economic realities.

None of them could any longer be in doubt that the trade union movement was not equipped to enforce a wages policy on their own. They could not deliver. They knew that someone must deliver. There must be some sort of policy and if they could not enforce, someone must. Who better than a Labour Government?

MR GODBER (Grantham, C) said this was a Government which on any analysis had never had more than the flimsiest claim to a mandate and yet they had never hesitated in bringing forward a range of divisive and controversial measures. They talked of sacrifices. They should set an example by dropping some of those measures which were urgent only in the eyes of dedicated socialists.

MR JOHN CUNNINGHAM (Whitehaven, Lab) said that the most significant feature of the Government's activities in the last few weeks had been the lengths to which the Cabinet had gone to carry the TUC General Council and the CBI with them. It was fundamentally important that any wages policy was based on consent. Statutory policies had failed, and would fail, and should be avoided.

The road to socialism was not going to be built on a litter of bankrupt industries, unemployment and a collapse in the economy.

MR POWELL (South Down, UUUC) said that what was remarkable about the subject being debated was its startling lack of novelty. Why was it that once again men on both sides of the House should set off on the old adventure? The answer was connected with unemployment. A fall in the rate of inflation from 25 per cent to 10 per cent in a year meant massive unemployment.

Instead of telling the people what they needed to be told about the cause, cure and price of the cure, MPs were to embark on a course of make-believe. They would vote for the buffoonery between the covers of the White Paper.

MR HOYLE (Nelson and Colne, Lab) said the late Aneurin Bevan said it was no use looking into a crystal ball when one could read the book. The book that was being read by the Government was the well worn one that had so often failed. It was time the Labour Government and Labour Party threw it away if they did not want to follow the same path as from 1966 to 1970, the path that destroyed the Conservative Government.

MR KNOX (Leek, C) said if the Government's proposals failed, Britain would fail and the Government should have the support of the House. If they were to keep that support they must earn it and to earn it there must be no backsliding on the policy.

MR CRONIN (Loughborough, Lab) said all the economic indicators showed that there was going to be a deepening recession. During the next few months there would be great pressure on the Government to abandon or modify the policy in the White Paper. The Secretary of State for Employment should make clear that the Government would adhere rigidly to the policy. Unless they did so the present deplorable economic situation would rapidly deteriorate.

MR MIKARDO (Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, Lab) said wages and salaries were not the principal cause of inflation. The contribution made to inflation by all increases in wages and salaries was a small fraction of the increase made as a direct result of Government decisions and policy.

He must vote against the White Paper. He knew one thing about the secret Bill; it did not establish a statutory incomes policy because ministers had been telling him for months that only over their dead bodies would there be a statutory incomes policy and none were in a mood for suicide. (Laughter.)

The Bill would be introduced in four or five months and if there were no division on the White Paper the Government could say to him that he could not beef about the Bill because it had been mentioned in the White Paper and he had not voted against that. The Government could not convince him that if an employer was statutorily forbidden to give an increase that was not a statutory incomes policy.

MR PRIOR, Opposition spokesman on employment (Lowestoft, C), said that they were taking part in the burial of the social contract. It was remarkable that so little had been heard of those two words in the debate. That old fraud had become the great unmentionable.

The Government whispered to the Commons, and told their creditors abroad rather less coyly, that there was a great statutory weapon in their bottom draw. This policy was voluntary except that it needed statutory powers to make it work, and if it did not work new statutory powers would be introduced. So this was a voluntary policy. Was it? Or was it a voluntary statutory policy, or a statutory voluntary policy? The Commons just did not know.

If there was to be a statutory policy or a pay policy should there not be a mandatory system of reporting claims as well as settlements?

The TUC had done the Government and the country proud. They had done much more than before and everyone should recognize that fact, but the situation was much more serious.

It was not that wages were too high. It was that productivity was too low. A statutory pay policy in an emergency such as this could help reduce the numbers who otherwise would be unemployed. He did not like it but it was infinitely preferable to high unemployment.

Government policies had doubled the rate of inflation, while in other countries it had been halved.

The terrible irony was in the moving and poignant speech of Mr Heath. How Labour MPs could cheer his speech after what they did to him in December and January 1974 he did not know. (Labour protests.)

The Government were having to take their measures at a time when the country was poised on the brink of hyper-inflation because they refused to give the Conservative Government a scintilla of support when they were fighting the battle against rising prices.

MR FOOT, Secretary of State for Employment (Ebbw Vale, Lab), said the House would be most unwise to disregard the significance of what the TUC had done in making these proposals to the Government. (Labour cheers.) It was an action by the TUC which could be of incalculable significance in enabling all of them to try to devise the policy for dealing with their problems.

What I believe (he went on) was so important that they believed that the immediate test had to be faced. It was not possible for anybody to dodge it and say: "We will postpone it and see what other policies can be devised. They agreed.

If over this next 12 months (he said) we achieved the objective which the Government and the TUC had agreed together, then I believe there would be a transformation in this country and we would be all the better able to proceed with all the other policies that we wished to pursue.

He knew that some Labour MPs had raised important objections because they said "Is this a statutory policy or is it not?" He was not interested in any semantic quibbles.

MR RENTON (Mid Sussex, C)—Will he confirm that the price of his staying in the Cabinet was the non-publication of the statutory reserve powers Bill and, if so, how is this compatible with his oft-proclaimed belief in the sovereignty of Parliament and open Government?

MR FOOT said under the so-called secret reserves Bill, there would be powers under which it would be an offence for employers to pay above a particular figure. It would hardly be sensible to deny that this was a statutory policy.

If in fact such a reserve powers Bill were to be introduced he would have great difficulties indeed. If such a Bill were to be introduced (he said) I would hardly be the proper person to do it. He did not want to add enticement to the dish. If that were to be the case that would be a statutory policy and it would be much opposed to what I have argued for through many years.

He was gratified therefore that much earlier in the White Paper long before there was any reference to reserve powers it was stated that the Government had made, and would continue to make every possible effort to achieve the necessary restraint of income by consent.

He trusted and believed that such a Bill dealing with reserve powers would never be introduced. He trusted it would never see the light of day. Nothing would be more offensive to proper constitutional practice than for the Government to come forward with an unpassed Bill and brandish it in the face of the House of Commons and the country.

If it were to proceed (he said) to the basis of saying that such a policy as this could be carried out only by force or statutory enactment (he continued), in that sense we would be very near to that policy failing altogether. If it were not for the measure we are proposing tomorrow, then it would be impossible to carry the voluntary policy out. (Prolonged Conservative laughter.)

It seemed the Conservatives were not in a fit mood to be educated tonight. They would have to do it tomorrow. If the voluntary policy were to be carried out, one had to lift from employers the contractual obligations to pay above the £6.

They faced not only inflation but the kindred, interwoven problem, the menace of unemployment, hideous already, but still rising and likely to rise for some time ahead. That was the fear which dominated the country and was the paramount reason the Government believed it essential to proceed with the measures. They did not believe this could be dodged.

The Opposition amendment was rejected by 327 votes to 269—Government majority, 58.

The Government motion was carried by 262 votes to 54—Government majority, 208.

NEB not just to put splints on legs of lame ducks

House of Lords

The Industry Bill was further considered in committee.

On Clause 2 (General purposes and functions),

LORD ABERDARE (C) moved an amendment to provide that the National Enterprise Board should dispose of securities which it acquired as soon as it was practicable and reasonable.

He said the Opposition were anxious to establish that the NEB would not just be a body which collected more and more companies and never disposed of the ownership of any of them.

LORD LOVELL-DAVIS, Lord in Waiting, said the nation had to participate fully in the rewards which came from public capital, and the amendment was an attempt to impose a restriction on the NEB which the Opposition would never try to apply to a private holding company and for which there was no justification.

If the board was going to make a significant contribution to, and mark on, the industrial scene it must be able to employ its investment funds in the way it thought best. The amendment would make that impossible.

The amendment (he said) would devalue the NEB and turn it into an institution to put splints on the legs of lame ducks and return them to the duckpond.

LORD BESWICK, Minister of State for Industry, asked if Lord Aberdare visualized the NEB as being there only for the purpose of holding unprofitable companies and that when they became profitable they should be sold.

LORD ABERDARE—This is my concept of what the Government should be doing.

It should be trying to help private enterprise through difficult periods and helping companies to survive those difficult periods.

LORD MACKIE of BENSHIE (L)—Surely it is not the concept of the Bill merely to help ailing companies?

LORD BESWICK—It is not our concept but apparently it is the concept of Opposition peers.

The amendment was withdrawn.

The committee stage was adjourned.

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords

Today at 3.30: Motion to take note of ENOC, Social Security Pensions Bill, third reading, Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill, committee stage, Motion on Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order.

House of Commons

Today at 3.30: Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill, second reading, Lotteries Bill, consideration of Lords amendments, Limitation Bill and Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill, remaining stages, Motion on Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order.

SPORT

Athletics

Top British women stay out of team

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

Britain's fastest women athletes this year over 100 and 1,500 metres, Andrea Lynch and Joan Allison have not been selected for the match against Hungary and the Netherlands in Drachten on August 3 at their own request.

Miss Lynch, who had been looking like a potential Olympic medal winner until a disappointing third place in Sofia recently, does not regard the Drachten match as likely to provide her with worthwhile opposition and instead will build up steadily in training for the European Cup final in Nice on August 16 and 17 when she has yet another race with East Germany's Olympic champion, Renate Stecher.

Mrs Allison missed the women's AAA championships last weekend because she did not want to risk a sore Achilles tendon with the heat and final of the 1,500 metres on successive days. But she confirmed yesterday that she will race over this distance at Gateshead next Saturday against the new British champion, Mary Stewart. Mrs Allison said: "I watched the championships on television and I must admit I was very impressed by Mary's finish. I have always had great respect for her but this was definitely one of her best races."

Miss Stewart also shows fair-mindedness when, after her victory last weekend, she was asked if she, instead of Mrs Allison, should be Britain's single representative in the European Cup final: "Joan's done four minutes 11 seconds, more than three seconds faster than me this season", she pointed out. On Saturday, however, at Gateshead they could both run faster than ever before in a field which will include the American record holder Francie Larrieu, Grete Andersen, of Norway, who has done 4min 6.6sec this season and has lowered the world 3,000 metres record to 8min 46.6sec, and Ireland's WAAA 3,000 metres champion, Mary Purcell.

In the team for Drachten the replacement for Miss Lynch is Jennifer Pawsey, who has not competed outdoors for Britain since September, 1969, but has made a remarkable return to the top. Hilary Hollick, coached by my Sunday Times colleague, Cliff Temple, has the second spot in the 1,500 metres to Mary Stewart. Donna Murray is rested, apparently at the wish of her coach, from the individual 400 metres, will run in the 4 x 400 metres relay and is the reserve for the 200 metres.

Since the Drachten fixture is on a Sunday the selectors have been able to pick for the 100 metres hurdles, *Lorna Drysdale who, as a Seventh Day Adventist, cannot compete on Saturday, which her church regard as a day of rest.* The experienced Janette Roscoe, who won the WAAA 400 metres hurdles last weekend, is chosen for the 4 x 400 metres relay and will return to the flat individual 400 metres at Gateshead. The talented young Angela Creamer gains her first full international in the 800 metres from which Lesley Kiernan is absent because of a foot injury.

TEAM for Drachten: 100 metres: J. Pawsey (Mitcham), G. Taylor (Essex); 200 metres: H. Golden (Edinburgh Southern), W. Clarke (Highgate); 400 metres: V. Elder (Wolverhampton and Bilston), E. Barnes (Cambridge H); 800 metres: A. Creamer (Rotherham), C. McMeekin (Maryhill); 1,500 metres: M. Stewart (Birchfield), H. Hollick (Sale); 100 metres hurdles: L. Boothe (Mitcham), L. Drysdale (Solihull); 4 x 100 metres: Clarke, D. Ramsden, Dorothy Hyman, Golden, Pawsey, Sutherland (Edinburgh Southern); 4 x 400 metres: D. Murray (Southampton and Eastleigh), Elder, Barnes, Taylor, J. Roscoe (Stretford); Javelin: T. Sanderson (Wolverhampton and Bilston), S. Corbett (Solihull); Shot: ... Bedford (Mitcham), V. Head (Army); High jump: D. Brown (Kent), ... Few (Andover); Discus: M. Ritchie (Edinburgh Southern), J. Thompson (Bracknell); Long jump: M. Nimmo (Glasgow), S. Reeve (Birchfield). Reserves to travel: R. Wright (Wolverhampton and Bilston), V. Mullin (Liverpool). Team leader: Miss M. Hartman; team manager, P. Green.

Yachting

Two victories for Ere We Go

Gusty winds from force three to five greeted the crews in the Cadet national championship yesterday after light, variable winds on Monday had tested the young helms' skills to the full. A Fleet was once again won twice by I. Fidello in Ere We Go.

In the afternoon he did not start so well but made his way through and won easily in the end. B Fleet was a much closer battle between Sedgwick in Chickodee and Brewer in Wapiti. In the morning Chickodee was successful. In the afternoon, Wapiti turned the tables.

RESULTS: A Fleet: 1, Ere We Go (I. Fidello, Frensham Ponds SC); 2, Instigator (J. Mayhew, West Kirby); 3, Willy Nilly III (H. Williams, Budworth SC). Second race: 1, Ere We Go; 2, Instigator; 3, Warlord (M. Law, Middle Nene). B Fleet: 1, Chickodee (A. Sedgwick, West Kirby); 2, Wapiti (N. Brewer, Parkstone); 3, Klinker II (K. Bos, Netherlands). Second race: 1, Wapiti; 2, Chickodee; 3, Navhulo (R. Booth, West Kirby).

THORPE BAY: Hornet European championship, second race: 1, Super Jonka (D. and J. Nicholson, Brightlingsea SC); 2, Revolution (R. Herve, Thorpe Bay YC); 3, Pint Sighs (C. and A. Siodol, Brightlingsea SC); 4, Father William (S. Collier, Brightlingsea SC); 5, Firmament (E. Styles, Downs SC); 6, Fiddlers Too (T. Shelton, Medway YC).

HAYLING ISLAND: National South championship: second points race: 1, Miss Sparks (B. Waples, Royal Corinthian YC); 2, Salamander (G. Rockell, Hayling Island SC); 3, Thistle (P. Duce, Burnham SC); 4, Tinger (J. Boyce, Burnham SC); 5, Chuckle (C. Innes, Hamble River SC); 6, Rojo (M. Flint, Royal Burnham YC). Overall: 1, Salamander, 4 points; 2, Miss Sparks, 5¾ pts; 3, Rojo, 6¾ pts; equal 4, Thistle and Tinger, 7 pts; 6, Chuckle 12 pts.

KINGSTON, Ontario: Canadian regatta: TORNADO: 1, R. Smith (US); 2, J. Spengler (W Germany); 3, R. White (GB); 4, R. White (GB). Overall: 1, P. Allen (US); 2, Spengler; 3, C. Notary (US).

TEMPEST: 1, J. Albrechtson (Sweden); 2, U. Mares (W Germany); 3, G. Milone (Italy). GB placing: 7, C. Norbury. Overall: 1, Mares; 2, Albrechtson; 3, Milone.

FLYING DUTCHMAN: 1, Y. Pagot (France); 2, J. Diesch (W Germany); 3, C. Croce (Italy). GB placing: 7, J. Pattisson. Overall: 1, Pagot; 2, Diesch; 3, B. Wolff (E Germany).

FINN: 1, C. Buchan (US); 2, M. Olin (Sweden); 3, C. Law (GB). Overall: 1, K. Carlson (Sweden); 2, Olin; 3, J. Bortrand (Australia).

SOLING: 1, P. Buchan (US); 2, D. Forbes (Australia); 3, S. Wennerstrom (Sweden). Overall: 1, Forbes; 2, Wennerstrom; 3, Buchan.

470: 1, S. Cucchiaro (US); 2, R. Venuto (Italy); 3, J.-F. Fountaine (France). GB placings: 5, P. Arabin; 7, E. Simmons. Overall: 1, Fountaine; 2, Cucchiaro; 3, M. Rouet (France).

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston Astros 6, New York Mets 2; Cincinnati Reds 10, Philadelphia Phillies 4; Atlanta Braves 4, Montreal Expos 1; St Louis Cardinals 4, San Diego Padres 0; Chicago Cubs 1, Los Angeles Dodgers 0; San Francisco Giants 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota Twins 5, New York Yankees 6; Baltimore Orioles 6, Oakland Athletics 3; Cleveland Indians 3, California Angels 1; Kansas City Royals 3, Detroit Tigers 2; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Chicago White Sox 4; Texas Rangers 6, Boston Red Sox 0.

Golf

Poxon's failure to take charge against a lesser opponent

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

The second day of the English amateur golf championship at Royal Lytham was one of those harmless, necessary days required to render down the vast field which by this evening has to be reduced to 32. Wind and rain combined to make it unpleasant all day, the kind of conditions in which true form is hard to judge.

The wind blew stiffly across the course, away from the early out of bounds but making the homeward holes tougher than ever. In those conditions, it was laughable to think of the 15th as a par-four; Marks, for example, took two drivers there and was still short. The 17th was equally tough, and the 12th, where the wind blew across much stronger than appeared possible from the sheltered tee, was extremely difficult to hold the ball on. At first the wind was just not too strong to make it impossible, but the best that could be hoped was that it would keep the rain off. But towards evening it was raining and blowing, the worst of combinations, and reasonable golf became impossible. One of the victims of this weather was Martin Poxon, the first seed to go yesterday.

He got off to a bad start against Porter and was two down with four to play in the worst of the weather. Figures mean little in these conditions but he won back the 15th, then missed from two feet on the 16th with a chance to square. He was presented with the 17th where his opponent found such a bad lie in the rough that after two blows he conceded the hole, but it was Poxon who found trouble off the 18th tee and his opponent who won the match holing from 4ft for his four. Anything might have happened in that weather but Poxon must surely have regretted his inability to take charge of the match against a lesser opponent from the start.

The seeds who were playing yesterday for the first time all won, though not easily for all three, Marks, Lyle and Hedges were taken to the 17th. Marks lost the first two against Smethurst, from Crewe, and got back to all square only after he had won the sixth and seventh with birdies. He was on the right of the sixth with a three-wood second and was bunkered beside the seventh with a four iron, but in each case got down with a single putt. By the 14th, which he won to become three up, he appeared to be well in charge, but his opponent got a good putt in for a four at the 15th and Marks was glad to halve the next two holes.

Lyle, who is still 16, nearly put himself out of the championship by appearing late on the first tee. He had misread his starting time and it was only a reminder from a fellow competitor in the car park where he was leisurely changing his shoes before practising, that saved him. He ran to the first tee and his first tee shot was his first swing of the day. He was not unduly affected, for he was soon two up, and although he later lost his lead, and was one down with six to play, he finished well taking the lead for the last time at the 16th where he played safe, and pitched to eight feet for a birdie.

Hedges was reckoned to be in for a hard time against 21-year-old Powell, a Kent champion, who for the past two years has been working at the game with a state scholarship to a university in Tennessee, but you can never tell with Hedges. Sometimes when it blows he seems to hit more fairways than in a flat calm, and although he was one down after six, he was square by the 11th, won the 12th, 13th and 14th in par, good figures indeed, yesterday.

It was desperately difficult to hold that narrow 12th green and Hedges was no exception. He ran through into thick grass, hacked it out for all he was worth, and was surprised to find the ball within a few feet of the hole. Powell hit some fine shots, as good a second up the 15th as I saw, but he looked as though he expected his short game to do more for him than it did. Hedges this morning meets Chesses, the young Mancunian, who achieved fame by defeating the unfortunate American champion, Pate, in his first match in the Amateur.

Another player who is attending an American university on a golfing scholarship is Nigel Burch, an England international last year. He has put on weight since then, and the first impression is of a greater solidity in his game, though yesterday was a difficult day to assess anyone. Jackson, of Burnham Beeches, stuck nobly to him, and did well to take him to the 18th after holing from nine feet to win the 17th. Burch must be well in practice. One does not get a degree in golf at Iowa State, but from midday on it is nothing but golf, and no doubt anyone late on the first tee is given 500 extra balls to strike as a penalty. But it is hardly his weather; Iowa is hotter by far, and their coaches experience of teaching them to play out of wet coarse grass must be limited.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	206	3	10	334	4
2	420	4	11	465	5
3	456	4	12	189	3
4	393	4	13	359	4
5	188	3	14	445	4
6	486	5	15	468	4
7	551	5	16	356	4
8	394	4	17	413	4
9	162	3	18	386	4
Out	3,258	35	In	3,415	36

Results on the second day

First round

G. C. MARKS (Trentham) beat C. R. Smethurst (Crewe), 2 and 1.
J. Thomas (Ravensworth) beat R. H. Flower (Mendip), 7 and 6.
D. Russell (Mid Kent) beat S. P. Dagger (Leigh), 5 and 4.
C. D. Searle (South Herts) beat J. B. Hope (Bolton), 1 hole.
G. Godwin (Thorndon Park) beat J. K. Tate (Alnmouth), 1 hole.
P. B. Merry (Selby) beat J. Critchley (Leigh), 2 and 1.
R. J. Ellis (Frilford Heath) beat J. N. Paramor (Muswell Hill), 4 and 3.
D. O. Mansell (Ormskirk) beat T. R. Shannon (Langley Park), 2 and 1.
R. A. Watts (Ludlow) beat G. Hindle (Great Harwood), 3 and 2.
M. S. R. Hunt (Moseley) beat C. L. A. Edginton (St Georges Hill), 4 and 3.
C. Hartland (Huddersfield) beat M. J. Barrand (Dunnerholme), 8 and 6.
T. A. White (Kendal) wo N. D. Pearson (West Bowling), scr.
A. P. Higgins (Worthing) beat C. S. Atkinson (Darlington), 3 and 2.
A. J. Howard (Moor Park) beat B. Collins (Gillingham), 4 and 3.
N. Burch (Orsett) beat A. Jackson (Burnham Beeches), 2 holes.
J. C. Roberts (Royal Lytham and St Annes) beat B. G. Steer (Tavistock), 3 and 1.
A. W. B. LYLE (Hawkstone Park) beat M. J. Inglis (Windermere), 2 and 1.
J. Davis (Langley Park) beat I. J. A. Stephenson (Moortown), 4 and 3.
C. R. Ciezlewic (Northants County) beat B. Wheatley (Shrewsbury), 5 and 4.
M. V. Jones (Worthing) beat H. A. N. Stott (Nelson), 1 hole.
M. J. Curry (Brand Hall) beat M. A. Holmes (Hesketh), 2 and 1.
M. Sarsfield (Allerton Park) beat B. Clark (Fairhaven), 3 and 1.
D. L. Hyde (Surbiton) beat R. Moffitt (Coventry Hearsall), 1 hole.
P. J. Holt (Coventry) beat R. Kelly (Scarborough North Cliff), 3 and 1.
C. S. Mitchell (Bristol and Clifton) beat R. Tompest (Shoreham), 6 and 5.
J. Whitcy (Pontefract and District) beat W. S. McGinnes (Mosley), 6 and 5.
D. Montagu (Royal St George's), beat J. E. T. Boon (Louth), 3 and 2.
R. D. James (Little Aston) beat S. G. Birtwell (St Annes Old), 3 and 2.
D. J. Dible (Aberdour) beat P. Fisher (Brooklands Park), 1 hole.
G. D. Bird (Kingswood) beat P. Downes (Coventry), 1 hole.
D. Oughton (Brancepeth Castle) beat G. R. Martindale (Kendal), 6 and 5.
M. P. D. Walls (Workington) beat G. I. Stradling (Moor Park), 1 hole.
P. J. HEDGES (Langley Park) beat J. Powell (North Foreland), 2 and 1.
D. McCarthy (Moretown) beat K. I. Waters (Scunthorpe), 4 and 3.
N. Chesses (Shirley) beat N. R. A. Denham (Lightcliffe), 2 and 1.
K. R. Gough (Burnham Beeches) beat R. W. Walmsley (Upminster), 1 hole.
I. MacKenzie (Hissborough) beat B. C. Marsden (Pleasington), 2 holes.
K. H. Hodgkinson (Trentham) beat J. Brazell (Ealden), 2 and 1.
P. H. Taylor (Sickleholme) beat B. Hanson (Penrith), 2 and 1.
W. J. Reid (Fulwell) beat R. A. Kidd (Bungay), 5 and 4.
P. J. Davies (Royal Mid-Surrey) beat A. Drake (Muswell Hill), 3 and 2.
S. Hadfield (North Manchester) wo M. T. Gilroy (W. Lancs), scr.
S. B. Potter (Yeovil) beat D. J. Pilkington (Haydock Park), 20th.
J. R. Hall (Filton) beat T. Roberts (Worcester), 2 holes.
M. J. Stringfellow (Bolton) beat J. Oakley (Backworth), 19th.
J. R. Cobbett (Hayling) beat A. R. Morrison (Appleby), 8 and 6.
P. McEvoy (Copt Heath) beat W. A. Winders (Hindley Hall), 3 and 2.
D. J. Eccleston (Ormskirk) beat M. R. Bentley (Leeds), 4 and 2.

Second round

M. Biddle (Walmley) beat B. Stockdale (Mere), 1 hole.
G. Hedley (Fairhaven) beat A. J. Sutcliffe (North Manchester), 3 and 2.
C. G. H. Jubb (Sickleholme) beat J. P. Spetler (East Herts), 2 and 1.
A. N. Datham (Whittington Barracks) beat F. B. Seed (Shaw Hill), 4 and 3.
K. Hornby (Pleasington) beat C. L. Francis (Sunningdale), 4 and 3.
M. McNally (Coventry Hearsall) beat P. Lynes (Howley Hall), 5 and 4.
P. Morley (Reading) beat P. L. Taggart (Pleasington), 6 and 5.
B. H. Skipper (Eaglescliffe) beat R. Whiteside (Lancaster), 1 hole.
H. E. Swash (Southport and Ainsdale) beat M. G. Pearson (Hillside), 2 and 1.
R. Lancaster (Haydock Park) beat N. K. Hughes (Scarborough Northcliff), 1 hole.
M. Hughesdon (Sunningdale) beat L. Walker (Selby), 19th.
D. Marriott (Coombe Hill) beat J. Brown (Morpeth), 6 and 4.
J. B. Dickinson (Hindley Hall) beat M. J. Reece (Formby), 1 hole.
M. J. Kelley (Scarborough North Cliff) beat A. P. Vicary (West Kent), 2 and 1.
B. J. Black (Bootle) beat D. Faulder (Blyth), 2 and 1.
J. A. Watts (East Herts) beat J. G. Parkhill (Thetford), 4 and 3.
D. Porter (Romford) beat M. A. POXON (Whittington Barracks), 1 hole.
B. J. Winteridge (Stoneham) beat P. E. G. Nye (Knebworth), 2 and 1.
M. Singfield (Knole Park) beat M. G. King (Neville), 6 and 4.
N. A. Faldo (Welwyn Garden City) beat B. Wheeler (Goa Manor), 8 and 7.

Easy first round win for former champion

Ian Hutcheon, a former champion, easily won his first round match in the Scottish amateur golf championship, at Montrose yesterday. Hutcheon, a British Walker Cup player, gained a six and five victory over Colin Harris (Troon St Meddans). Harris won the second hole, with a birdie but Hutcheon replied with three birdies as he won five holes out of seven and turned four up. Hutcheon also won the 13th with a birdie and was three-under-par as the match ended there.

David Greig (Carnoustie), a former international, had to get round in 68, three under par, to win on the last green against Bert Lynch (Hollandbush). Greig out in 33 went three ahead with a birdie at the 14th, but made mistakes around the green at the 15th and 16th and had to work hard to win by one hole.

Sandy Pirie (Hazlehead), beaten finalist twice in the last three years, went through by four and two against Alistair McLean, of Lundin. Pirie was three under fours when he won. He had driven into a whin bush at the fourth and incurred a penalty shot but still won the hole. He pitched to four feet and holed, his opponent taking three putts and falling behind for the first time. Pirie's only birdie came at the 12th, where he holed from seven yards for a two and a three hole lead.

First round

W. B. Hogg (Royal Aberdeen) beat A. McNabb (Cardoss), 2 and 1; I. C. Hutcheon (Monifieth) beat C. R. Harris (Troon St Meddan's), 6 and 5; D. G. Greig (Carnoustie) beat R. Lynch (Holland Bush), 1 hole; G. K. Kennedy (Kirkintilloch) beat J. Fraser (Hazlehead), 1 hole; 3. W. Smith (Grange, Dublin) beat S. R. Lockhart (Glasgow), 3 and 2; R. K. Henderson (Melrose) beat W. C. Richmond (Montrose), 1 hole; D. F. Wilkie (Dunblane) beat D. Mackenzie (Melrose), 7 and 6; I. D. Hamilton (Troon) beat W. A. Donald (Stonehaven), 3 and 2; G. Cairns (Lundin) beat J. Whitehead (Stirling), 4 and 3; G. T. Russell (St Andrew's New) beat W. E. Middleton (Prestonfield), 5 and 3; D. A. Hutton (Bothwell Castle) beat A. McIwan (Hamilton), 6 and 4; R. B. Yule (Irvine) beat A. Glass (Alloa), 6 and 5; P. Wilson (Montrose) beat H. H. Alexander (Haggs Castle), 5 and 4; A. J. Webster (Edzell) beat G. McLeod (Newbattle), 6 and 5; J. Kinloch (Musselburgh) beat I. Henderson (Hamilton), 2 and 1; W. D. Raymond (Cowglen) beat R. Ferns (Strathaven), 3 and 1.

A. B. Morrice (Cruden Bay) beat G. Clarke (King James VI), 4 and 3; R. Choyne (Nigg Bay) beat W. P. Henderson (Perth Artisans), 6 and 4; A. J. Liddle (Alloa) beat D. Mackintosh (King James VI), 8 and 6; A. Wilson (Clober) beat D. Greenhill (Arbroath Artisans), 4 and 3; R. Drysdale (St Andrew's) beat R. Blyth (Carnoustie), 3 and 1; A. K. Pirie (Hazlehead) beat A. McLean (Lundin), 4 and 2; G. Abel (Elgin) beat P. Robertson (Hazlehead), 3 and 1; R. Templeton (Royal Aberdeen) beat T. M. Naskret (Elgin), 2 and 1; J. S. Spence (Cruden Bay) beat G. A. Ellis (Hilton Park), 2 and 1; D. A. Taylor (Elgin) beat J. O. Donnell (Swanstory), 4 and 3; J. McNeill (Musselburgh) beat J. M. Dickie (Lochmaben), at the 22nd; A. F. Dunsmore (Bishopbriggs) beat R. Smith (Hamilton), at the 19th; I. Gillan (Bishopbriggs) beat R. Marchbank (Auchterarder), 2 holes; R. Macgregor (Glencorse) beat J. Bruce (Edzell), at the 19th; A. S. Wright (Glencorse) beat A. F. Gallacher (Cowal), 1 hole; A. S. Gardner (Leven) beat J. Freeman (Crieff), 1 hole.

Second round

G. H. Murray (Carnoustie) beat I. R. Donald (Cruden Bay), at the 20th; G. H. Murray (Ferunese) beat K. J. Hay (Hazlehead), 6 and 5; W. N. Crule (Blairgowrie) beat I. Waddell (Irvine), at the 19th; J. Clark (Montrose) beat G. C. Sinclair (Bishop Briggs), 3 and 2; K. Cunningham (Prestonfield) walked over R. D. Longmuire (Airdrie), scratched; D. Leishman (Falkirk Tryst) beat B. P. Miller (Merchants of Edinburgh), 6 and 5; T. Robertson (Dalmahoy) beat G. Paton (Montrose), 4 and 3; B. Fraser (Nairn) beat J. Forgrieve (Arbroath Artisans), 6 and 4; A. Sinclair (Drumpellier) walked over F. Muir (Lenzie), scratched; J. Boyle (Thornhill) beat I. Shepherd (Arbroath Artisans), 6 and 5; A. Brodie (Balmore) beat W. (Elie) beat I. Ritchie (Cambuslang), Paterson (Airdrie), 6 and 4; P. Bucher (Elie) beat I. Ritchie (Cambuslang), 2 and 1; A. I. Nicol (Williamwood) beat M. M. Niven (Alloa), 2 and 1; W. S. Hart (Grange and Dundee) beat C. Grant (Vale of Leven), 3 and 1; J. W. Noble (Burntisland) beat N. J. Angus (Prestwick), 1 hole; A. J. Hutcheon (Monifieth) beat M. L. Campbell (Leven), 4 and 3; J. W. Findlay (Hollandbush) beat G. E. Everett (Crow Wood), 4 and 3; C. K. Macdonald (Callander) beat I. Mackenzie (Williamwood), 6 and 5; T. M. Cochrane (Dunnikier) beat T. B. Main (Airdrie), 3 and 2; D. B. Bingham (Ravenspark) beat I. Phillips (Aberdeen Nomads), 5 and 4; D. F. Campbell (Melrose) beat J. K. Brown (Selkirk), 8 and 7; G. Macgregor (Glencorse) beat S. Cadden (Glasgow University), 7 and 6; K. W. Macintosh (Cardross) beat K. Stewart (Drumpellier), 2 and 1; P. Gallagher (Peebles) beat D. N. Thomson (Strathaven), at the 20th; S. Stephen (Lundin) beat K. Ross (Beith), at the 22nd; M. J. Miller (Cawder) beat D. S. Macintosh (Royal Blackheath), 4 and 2.

Rowing

Nominated eight row against the clock

By Jim Railton

The British rowing selection board announced yesterday the men's heavyweight and lightweight crews selected for the fifth world championships in Nottingham, from August 21 to 30. Predictably, the full national training team is selected in coxed and coxless fours together with the world bronze medal winners, Baillieu and Hart, in the double sculls. A new British eight has been nominated, built around London University with selection depending on the progress in the remaining five weeks before the world championships.

A full team is selected for the three lightweight events in the championships, the coxless fours, single sculls and eights. The selectors have left the door partly open for the coxless pairs and quadruple sculls but shut it firmly on the single sculls and coxed pairs. Final selections, if any, in the coxless pairs and quadruple sculls will be based on the "best-of-three" trials in Nottingham on August 2. Candidates are advised to lose no time as nominations close by next Monday.

Out of the 11 men's heavyweight and lightweight events, Great Britain will be represented in six categories of boats. It may be seven, if the new national eight succeeds, and even nine if the quadruple sculls and coxless pairs find an inboard motor to propel them along.

The national champion in single sculls, Kenneth Dwan, is rightly passed over for the third successive year after his poor showing on the international circuit this season but will no doubt make a challenge for a place in the quadruple sculls. In the coxed pairs, the selectors might have waited to see whether the Wallingford Schools' junior pair, Wiggins and Wroe, returned with a gold medal from the junior world championships in Montreal in about two weeks.

The new national eight designate contains six London University oarsmen, who between them won the Ladies' Plate and the Prince Philip Cup at Henley. Injected into the crew are the former Oxford University oarsman Irving, who was left redundant some weeks ago when the national training team eight went into coxed and coxless fours eliminating the team's specially groomed coxless four, and MacLeod, from this year's Cambridge University boat race crew.

I cannot see this eight being strong enough, although I could be proved wrong, if some of the remaining oarsmen decided to set up a challenge. Among these I would include Britain's stroke in the 1974 eight which won a silver medal, Smallbone, Olympic oarsman, David Sturge, Cambridge stroke, Neil Christie, international oarsman, Glyn Locke and Wallingford's Richardson and Cusack. Some may challenge for places in the coxless pairs and quadruple sculls but their contributions might have been of more value in the new eight, remembering that most of them now seem to have been passed over.

The nominated eight will not compete in the West German open championships in Munich this weekend. Instead, they will spend the next few weeks attempting to pull together and proving their progress only by the stopwatch, a soulless way of life. The selectors, too, might now be unfairly seen as ultimists moving in mysterious magic circles, particularly as they can in no way claim to turn this base metal into gold, silver or even bronze. But a place in the petite finale for the new eight will justify the selectors' decision.

The lightweight coxless four and eight have given the impression of being closed shops for some time. The situation alters only fractionally in the eight with the infusion of the Thames Tradesmen oarsman, Simpole, a member of the winning Wyfold four at Henley. Nine oarsmen, including Simpole, have been nominated for the lightweight eight. But a mix of the lightweight four and eight would have produced something special in one or other of the events. The lightweight single sculler, Zeun of Peterborough, has shown promise throughout the season and thoroughly earned his selection.

Britain's front line, the Leander-Thames Tradesmen's coxed and coxless fours, together with Baillieu and Hart of Leander, face their final test before the world championships in the West German open championships at Munich this weekend. They will be accompanied by a quadruple sculls crew, the British lightweight coxless four and others. More home truths are likely to be driven home at Munich, too, followed by early post mortems on this year's overall approach to the world championships.

TEAM: Heavyweight events: Coxed four: Leander-Thames Tradesmen, R. Ayling (bow), T. J. Crooks, H. P. Matheson, R. Lester (stroke), P. J. Sweeney (cox). Coxless four: W. G. Mason (bow), J. Clark, L. D. Robertson, J. C. Yallop (stroke). Double sculls: Leander, M. J. Hart and C. L. Baillieu (stroke). Eight (nominated): London University-Lady Margaret BC-Leander, I. Wilson (bow), J. Burch, G. Rankine, S. Irving, D. Townsend, J. MacLeod, A. Friend, D. Sprague (stroke), S. Jefferies (cox).

Lightweight: Single sculls: P. Zeun (Peterborough City). Coxless four: London-Bailliol, Oxford, D. Topolski (bow), C. M. Drury, G. F. Hall, N. D. C. Tee (stroke). Eight: (from) T. Bingham (Thames), B. Fentiman (Quintin), S. Fraser (Thames), C. George (London University), M. Harris (Oxford University), T. Moffat (Vesta), N. Read (Thames), S. Simpole (Thames Tradesmen), A. Slocking (London University), A. Sherman (London University) (cox).

Wolves in the red

Wolverhampton Wanderers, for the first time since 1970-71, went into the red last season, suffering a loss of £122,587.

Lumb fit again

Richard Lumb, the Yorkshire opening batsman, will return for the match against Nottinghamshire at Sheffield today. He bruised a thumb against Derbyshire at Chesterfield a fortnight ago.

Horse show

Fletcher and Tauna Dora carry on victorious

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Graham Fletcher won the first important competition of the Royal International Horse Show for the *Horse & Hound* Cup at Wembley on Monday night riding Tauna Dora, the mare he rode in the winning Prince of Wales Cup team at Hickstead on Sunday. All four members of the British team reached the final, and all but Paddy McMahon and Pennwood Forgemill, who had the last fence down, qualified for the barrage.

Harvey Smith and Salvador were inordinately lucky at the double, where they rocked the first element so that it moved at least a foot forward. Their luck failed to hold in the barrage, when, first to go, they hit the rustic crossed pole at No 2 and the elliptical wall which followed. Then Hendrick Snoek, first of the two Germans in the final hit the wall and it was David Broome and the American thoroughbred, Philco, who achieved the first clear round in a classical and typical style. But their time of 37.9sec left them vulnerable, for Philco is being taken slowly at present to get him going up again, as he tends to flatten over his fences at speed.

Alwin Schockemöhle and Warwick, overall winners of the Embassy Masters Championship at Hickstead on Saturday, had a pole off the first oxer and provided the wall with its third victim before Fletcher and Tauna Dora pulled out all the stops for the winning round in 33.2sec. It was the first victory in this classic for the 23-year-old Yorkshireman who is one of Britain's main hopes both for the Olympic Games and for the European Championship in Munich next month.

Schockemöhle had earlier won the Philips Electrical Stakes for West Germany on Santa Monica, a newcomer to the ring. A six-year-old grey mare which Schockemöhle bought in the Netherlands, she has been in his stable for only two months after serving her apprenticeship at the national shows in the Netherlands, and this was her first international victory. German-bred, she is by a Dutch stallion of Holstein breeding, but her grand sire is the famous jumping sire Rameses, and she has the same blood as Rasputin. Romanus and many more of the leading German jumpers.

Eight horses reached the final from three preliminary sections, among them Broome's Heatwave, who, jumping at No 4 in his first Nations' Cup at Hickstead on Sunday, secured Britain's first victory of the year with a clear round. Now he finished second with the fastest four faults, at the cross poles, but he was still 1.7sec slower than the German mare, who scorched round the arena to win with the only clear round.

HORSE & HOUND CUP: 1, G. Fletcher's Tauna Dora; 2, Harris Carpets' Philco (D. Broome); 3, H. Snoek's Rasputin (West Germany).
PHILIPS ELECTRICAL STAKES: 1, A. Schockemöhle's Santa Monica; 2, Harris Carpets' Heatwave (D. Broome); 3, Mrs D. Mould's Dunlynne.
CHILDREN'S PONIES: Not exceeding 12.2 hands: 1, Dr M. G. Scott's Arden Vol-au-Vent; 2, C. A. Cooper's Robberwood Snaphappy. Not exceeding 13.2 hands: 1, C. A. Cooper's Holly of Spring; 2, Dr M. G. Scott's Christmas Carol of Bennochy.
ARAB HORSE: 1, Mrs R. Stanley's Cherif (Miss R. McMullen); 2, W. J. and N. C. Backhouse's Silver Rain.

Yesterday, Jennie Loriston-Clarke, who is giving daily displays of dressage, won the Calia Midsummer dressage with the six-year-old, Dutch Courage, who won both novice and elementary championships at last year's national championships. She also won the 15 hands hack class, judged by Mrs Robin de Vere Hunt, from co Waterford.

Fred Welch won the Philip Cornes Stakes, a divertissement for horses not engaged in the Moss Bros puissance, on Anton, a seven-year-old German horse now in its second season, who was brought to England as a three-year-old dressage prospect by Domini Lawrence.

Mr de Vere Hunt, Master of the Waterford Hounds, judged the cobs and found one to beat the defender, last weeks Peterborough winner, Grand View, and Justin Time, who scored for Roy Trigg at the Royal, in the black Vodka, whose owner, Miss Baldry, has owned so many good cobs in the past.

CALIA INSURANCE MIDSUMMER DRESSAGE: 1, Mrs A. G. Loriston-Clarke's Dutch Courage; 2, Mrs H. J. Hill's Colonnade; 3, Miss D. Mason's Special Edition.
SMALL HACKS: 1, Miss F. Profumo and Mrs W. Stirling's Leamington Moon River; 2, Mrs P. Fletcher's Daldorn Charlotte; 3, Miss S. Mackintosh's Temptation.
COBS: 1, Miss A. Baldry's Vodka; 2, R. Page's Grand View; 3, Mrs A. Landau's Justin Time.
PHILIP CORNES STAKES: 1, F. Welch's Anton; 2, S. Hadley's Flying Wild; 3, N. Marmont's Red Lion.

Harvey Smith could increase his income by about £10,000 a year as a result of a new contract he has signed. He is to be paid £5,000 a year by the Silvermere Leisure Centre, in Cobham, Surrey and they have agreed to pay him £500 every time he wins an event shown on television.

Smith is being engaged to run the equestrian centre of a new sports complex. The company have also engaged a golfer, Jack Newton, who was runner-up in the Open championship, and the tennis player Mark Cox.



O.P.S. Anton, ridden by F. Welch, on the way to winning a speed trial at Wembley.

Swimming

Wilkie and Brinkley first British competitors in finals

Cali, Colombia, July 22.—David Wilkie, Britain's leading competitor, began his challenge for three gold medals at the world swimming championships here today by comfortably winning a heat of the 100 metres breaststroke in a slow time of 1min 06.40sec. David Leigh, another of Britain's medal hopes, also qualified for the final with 1min 06.46sec.

On a sweltering morning, the swimming events began without real hint of the multitude of world records that had been predicted. Most of the heats were won in poor times, with none of the outstanding swimmers prepared to do more work than necessary to qualify for finals.

Britain fared well. As well as having Wilkie and Leigh in the breaststroke final, they also have the team captain, Brian Brinkley, in the 200 metres free-style final. Brinkley was second in his heat to the world record holder, Bruce Furniss, of the United States, but his British record time of 1min 54.15sec made him the third fastest swimmer of the event, behind Furniss and the former wold record holder, Tim Shaw, of the United States.

Gordon Downie became the second British swimmer to qualify for the 200 metres free-style final. His time of 1min 54.61sec was a Scottish record but did not augur well for a medal chance.

The first British woman to reach a final was Anne Adams, who put up the seventh fastest time in the 200 metres individual medley heats. The world record holder for the event, Ulrike Tauber, of East Germany, was easily the fastest qualifier and seems to be certain to win the gold medal even though her time this morning, 2min 20.68sec was well outside her world record. Her nearest rival was Kathy Heddy, of the United States, who was nearly two seconds slower.

East Germany's outstanding male swimmer of the past 10 years, Roland Matthes, was only third fastest in the heats of the 100 metres backstroke, with Mel Nash and John Murphy, both of the United States, slightly faster. Matthes, the world record holder, defending world champion and Olympic gold medal winner, was second to Nash in a heat and seemed unconcerned about trying to create an impression. As in the first world championships two years ago in Belgrade, he seemed *intent on qualifying in the slowest possible time.*



Dibiasi, Italy's springboard diver, in action

MEN

200 METRES FREE-STYLE: B. Furniss (US), 1:52.35; T. Shaw (US), 1:52.77; B. Brinkley (GB), 1:54.15; P. Nocke (WG), 1:54.50; G. Downie (GB), 1:54.61; A. Krylov (USSR), 1:55.62; G. Windeatt (Aus), 1:55.73; J. Delgado (Ec), 1:55.79.
100 METRES BACKSTROKE: M. Nash (US), 58.39; J. Murphy (US), 58.49; R. Matthes (EG), 58.71; K. Steinbach (WG), 58.79; L. Wanja (EG), 58.86; M. Tonelli (Aus), 59.10; Z. Verraszto (Hun), 59.25; S. Pickell (Can), 59.75.
100 METRES BREASTSTROKE: R. Hofsteter (US), 1:06.07; R. Colella (US), 1:06.15; N. Pankin (USSR), 1:06.32; W. Kusch (WG), 1:06.32; N. Taguchi (Jap), 1:06.40; D. Wilkie (GB), 1:06.40; D. Leigh (GB), 1:06.46; B. Combet (Fr), 1:06.77.

WATER POLO: Final round: Yugoslavia 8, Romania 4; US 4, Netherlands 2.

WOMEN

200 METRES INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: U. Tauber (EG), 2:20.68; K. Heddy (US), 2:22.50; A. Franke (EG), 2:23.59; S. Babashoff (US), 2:24.69; B. Smith (Can), 2:25.31; A. Adams (GB), 2:25.68; J. Hudson (Aus), 2:26.48; S. Hunter (NZ), 2:26.58.
4 x 100 MEDLEY RELAY: 1, East Germany, 4:20.67; 2, Netherlands, 4:25.05; 3, United States, 4:25.38; 4, West Germany, 4:25.64; 5, Sweden, 4:28.51; 6, USSR, 4:28.66; 7, Canada, 4:28.93; 8, France 4:31.72.

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: Individual routine exercises: 1, G. Buzonas (US), 46.00 pts; 3, S. Fortier (Can), 45.50; 3, Y. Uneaaki (Jap), 43.00; 4, J. Holland (GB), 39.00; 5, A. Honsbek (Neth), 38.50; 6, D. Burridge (Aus), 37.50.

KEY: WG, West Germany; Aus, Australia; Ec, Ecuador; Jap, Japan; Fr, France; Hun, Hungary; Can, Canada; NZ, New Zealand.

Cricket

Ninth wicket stand repays Chesterfield loyalty

By Alan Gibson

CHESTERFIELD: The Australians beat Derbyshire by an innings and 38 runs.

It says something for the enthusiasm of Chesterfield cricket supporters that on a sunless windy morning, their side taking a whacking, and the probability of no more than an hour or two's play, so many of them—over 1,000, I guess—came along for the third day of this match.

It did not look as if they would have much for their pains or their money when Derbyshire, after resuming their innings at 97 for four, were 111 for eight. Thomson, with the wind behind him bowled at a formidable speed. In his second over he had Russell caught at slip, from one which lifted to the shoulder of the bat. Mallett dived under the ball just before it completed its gentle parabola. In the same over, Swarbrook was leg-before, bewildered by speed. Miller stayed a while, though unfruitfully, but was leg-before to Mallett, who bowled unchanged at the town end.

Page played sturdily. He once hit, or steered, Thomson to the third man boundary. The small boys cheered as though the match was won. But he was bowled by Thomson after struggling to 41. I was watching square with the stumps at this moment. The first I saw of the ball was when the bails flew, and I doubt if Page was much better informed.

However, for the second time in the match, Derbyshire produced a ninth wicket stand. Venkataraghavan and Taylor put on 65. Yes, there were some edges, but some good hard hits, too, even if the bats were not always straight. Venkataraghavan hooked Thomson for four: I call it a hook, but it was less the deliberate punch of a man swatting a fly, than a wave, a casual shoo at a wandering wasp.

Thomson bowled for more than an hour before he went off. Hurst bowled instead from the pavilion end, and he too kept missing the edge, or finding the edged ball missing the fieldsmen. After they had put on 50, the batsmen held a conference. "If we get 100 each, we'll beat the blighters yet." Was that what they said—or was it: "We've given 'em a run, let's have a swing"? Venkataraghavan hit Mallett for 10 in three balls, and we were cheering for another four next ball, before we noticed he had been caught at cover. A good catch.

The tenth wicket soon fell. The match was over by 12.40. But the crowd went home, or to the pubs, or the races, feeling that the morning had not been in vain.

It has been good to be at Chesterfield again: to see again the scrabbie championship in the press box, the twisted spire, and the chapel of St Oswald. How many of you know that St Oswald is the patron saint of the Church of England Men's Society? The Church of England Men's Society are apparently Oswalds to a man. I leave you with this more difficult question: who was St Oswald?

Australians: First Innings, 398 for 9 dec (I. M. Chappell 114, A. Turner 82).

Derbyshire: First Innings, 184 (J. R. Thomson 4 for 54).

Second Innings

P. J. Sharpe, l-b-w, b Walker	33
J. B. Bolus, b Hurst	14
M. H. Page, b Thomson	41
A. Morris, c Gilmour, b Mallett	0
J. M. Ward, c I. Chappell, b Gilmour	2
P. E. Russell, c Mallett, b Thomson	3
F. W. Swarbrook, l-b-w, b Thomson	0
G. Miller, l-b-w, b Mallett	0
†R. W. Taylor, not out	27
S. Venkataraghavan, c Laird, b Mallett	30
K. Stevenson, b Hurst	0
Extras (b 8, l-b 6, w 2, n-b 8)	24
Total	176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—46, 2—55, 3—60, 4—74, 5—99, 6—99, 7—108, 8—111, 9—175, 10—176.

BOWLING: Thomson, 14—7—21—3; Walker, 9—2—22—1; Hurst, 15.2—2—45—2; Mallett, 23—8—54—3; Gilmour, 3—0—10—1.

Umpires: C. Cook and J. Crapp.

Today's cricket

TOUR MATCH
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Australians (11.30 to 6.30).
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Derbyshire (11.0 to 6.30).
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Sussex (11.30 to 7.0).
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Worcestershire (11.30 to 7.0).
THE OVAL: Surrey v Essex (11.0 to 6.30).
COVENTRY: Warwickshire v Leicestershire (11.30 to 7.0).
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire (11.0 to 6.30).
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP
BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire II v Yorkshire II.
EALING: Middlesex II v Hampshire II.
COLWELL: Worcestershire II v Leicestershire II.
MINOR COUNTIES
TAUNTON: Somerset II v Lancashire II.
PLYMOUTH: Devon v Berkshire.
STEVENAGE: Hertfordshire v Suffolk.
OXFORD: Oxfordshire v Wiltshire.
UNDER-25 COMPETITION
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan.

Public Schools show fear now they have opposition

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

For the past two days, the Headmasters' Conference Schools, or the Public Schools, have been playing the English Schools' Cricket Association, or the Grammar Schools, on the Saffrons at Eastbourne. That, broadly speaking, is an accurate description and the two sides were well matched, if afraid of losing to each other. Left, by the third declaration of the two days, to score 198 to win in one hours and 55 minutes, the ESCA found it too many.

After being 51 for five on Monday morning on a pitch helpful to medium pace bowling, the Public Schools recovered well, Kemp making 76. A well-ordered 71 by Ingham, from Yorkshire, was the feature of the ESCA's reply. Going for quick runs in their second innings the Public Schools, when not running themselves out, were being swept along by Rock and Christopher Cowdrey, son of Colin, who, although he was looking to work the ball mostly to leg, had to be given a deep extra cover before he was out. He was one of half a dozen mature cricketers on the two sides.

When I was a boy, the Public Schools had the field to themselves. They had Lord's to themselves, for that matter, for a week at the height of the season. Now, thanks to the ESCA, the State schools are brought into the net, and it is splendid that they are. One could write down three sides of the ESCA boys who have since played county cricket. Here is once: Roebuck (Somerset), Stovold (Gloucestershire), Slocombe (Somerset), Sidebottom (Yorkshire), Marks (Somerset), Hignall (Gloucestershire), Miller (Derbyshire), Butcher (Surrey), Bairstow (Yorkshire), Johnson (Worcestershire), Perryman (Warwickshire) and Booth (Leicestershire).

Of those who were playing at the Saffrons, some are already on the books of their counties. The HMC side was chosen after a trial at Eastbourne College, following a Schools Week there. There are several of these Weeks now, when four or five Public Schools gather after the end of term to play each other. At Eastbourne, besides the hosts, there were Tonbridge, Felsted, Clifton and Winchester.

There was another at Cheltenham, with Marlborough, Sherborne and Haileybury joining in. Others took place at the Leys, Charterhouse and Ampleforth. The selection of the representative sides, as for today's match at Lord's between MCC Schools (the best of both the sides at Eastbourne) and the National Association of Young Cricketers is much less haphazard than it used to be. Whoever plays has to work for the honour.

A word about the Saffrons. Between May 1 and September 17 (which is still not the end of their season) there are only 16 days when there is not a game of some sort there, ranging from Sussex against Gloucestershire in the championship to Chorlton-cum-Hardy against Ipswich Greyhounds. It is one of the unsung centres of cricket and the groundsman, one of the unknown heroes.

HMC Schools: 219 for 9 dec (S. K. Lax 35, N. Kemp 76, D. Beeson 67; P. Allott 4 for 72) and 178 for 8 dec (J. Claughton 47, D. Rock 41, C. Cowdrey 48; A. Patel 5 for 36); ESCA: 200 for 6 dec (G. Fowler 51, P. Ingham 71) and 141 for 2 (C. Lamden 56 not out).

MCC Schools (to play NAYC today and tomorrow): C. Cowdrey (Tonbridge, captain), C. Lamden (City of London Freeman's School), D. J. Rock (Portsmouth GS), G. Fowler (Accrington GS), P. Ingham (Ashville College, Harrogate), M. K. Fosh (Harrow), N. P. M. Popplewell (Radley), N. J. Kemp (Tonbridge), A. Patel (Willesden HS), D. M. W. Beeson (Winchester), P. Allott (Altrincham GS).

Second XI competition

SWANSEA: Yorkshire II, 224 for 3 dec and 275 for 5 dec (P. J. Squires 105, C. W. Athey 72); Glamorgan II, 228 for 5 dec and 156 for 5 (G. Richards 60 not out). Drawn.

DAGENHAM: Sussex II 196 for 2 and 121 (R. Lock 6 for 27); Essex II 159 and 65 (A. Waday 6 for 25). Sussex won by 93 runs.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire II 172 for 7 dec and 221 (Mushtaq Mohammad 71; R. Savage 4 for 54); Warwickshire II 217 for 7 dec and 177 for 5 (G. Humpage 77 not out). Warwickshire won by 5 wkts.

Minor Counties

PENZANCE: Cornwall, 156 and 213 (M. S. T. Dunstan 82, C. R. Chaplin 62); Berkshire, 203 for 9 dec (D. Johnston 56, G. E. J. Child 67 not out; D. Hallyard 4 for 71) and 87 for 3. Drawn.

DUNSTABLE: Bedfordshire, 190 for 9 dec (T. J. Machin 65) and 151 (Machin 51; J. Swinburn 5 for 65); Shropshire 234 for 5 dec (S. Johnson 118 not out) and 109 for 2. Shropshire won by 8 wkts.

NORWICH: Cambridgeshire, 191 for 7 dec and 161 for 8 dec (M. D. Osbury five for 61); Norfolk 166 for 9 dec (F. L. Q. Handley 63) and 131 for 9. Match drawn.

OXFORD: Oxfordshire 148 and 15 for 0. Wiltshire 207 for 7 dec (R. C. Cooper 72).

MANCHESTER: Lancashire II, 177 for 3 dec and 133 for 4 dec; Cumberland, 135 for 7 dec and 91 for 5.

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SPORT

Racing

No Allez France but King George event should still be a gem

John Karter

There were no unexpected withdrawals from the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at yesterday's four-day forfeit stage. The 12 who stood their ground for Ascot were: Ashmore, Bustino, Card King, Kinglet, My Way, Relay Race, Star Appeal, Dahlia, Dibidale, Grundy, Highest and Libra's Rib. So the door has finally been shut on the possibility of a last-minute change of heart by Allez France's owner, Daniel Wildenstein. The participation of that great French mare would have made Saturday's race one of the most alluring on a British racecourse for many a year, but even without her there is a gem of a race in store.

For devout Grundy followers—and they are legion—their hero is as good as past the post. And, when you relive his two Derby victories, it is hard to argue. Grundy was perhaps even more impressive in the Irish Sweeps Derby than he was at Epsom. Only seventh turning into the straight, he burst from the pack just over a furlong from home and in a few strides put daylight between himself and the opposition. His acceleration was characteristic of a truly outstanding racehorse.

It is on the score of acceleration that many respected judges of racing oppose Bustino, despite the fact that he broke the record for the Derby course when he won the Coronation Cup from Ashmore on his reappearance last month. There is certainly plenty of confidence behind Bustino, however, and he has been well backed in the ante-post market this week. The plan will obviously be to break Grundy by running him into the ground, and for this reason Dick Hern will run either Kinglet or Highest (possibly both) to bring the St Leger winner's stamina fully into play.

Dahlia has also been heavily backed this week, but whether this reflects inspired stable confidence or simply respect for her two King George wins and the five of her rider, Lester Piggott, is anybody's guess. It is well known, however, that she always comes into form at this time of year, and she showed signs of doing just that when finishing fifth behind Un Kopeck in the Grand Prix de St-Cloud recently. She was beaten less than seven lengths by the winner after being hampered when Fidion broke down.

Ashmore and On My Way, both acceptors for Saturday's race, finished second and third in the Grand Prix de St-Cloud, beaten half a length and a short neck. It is interesting to recall that when Dahlia won the Grand Prix de St-Cloud last year the horse she narrowly defeated was On My Way.

If there is to be a surprise, the one most capable of providing it could be Fulke Johnson Houghton's colt, Libra's Rib, who is a full brother to the classic winners, Ribocco and Ribero. Libra's Rib finished little more than four lengths behind Grundy when fourth to him in the Champagne Stakes last year, and in his most recent race, the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket, he beat several useful older rivals. His distinguished brothers only began to reach their peak at this stage of their careers, and this may be the case with Libra's Rib.

Hills's latest betting on the race is: Evens Grundy, 4-1 Bustino, 6-1 Dahlia, 12-1 Ashmore, 16-1 Star Appeal, On My Way, 25-1 Libra's Rib, 33-1 others. Ladbrokes go: 10-11 Grundy, 9-2 Bustino, Dahlia, 12-1 Star Appeal, 14-1 Ashmore, 33-1 others.

At Sandown Park today followers of Patrick Eddery and Piggott should not leave the course empty-handed, as both men have good chances of riding at least two winners. Piggott's mount, Irish Legend, looks a sound bet in the Milburn Plate. Irish Legend won a maiden race at Doncaster, beating Skip, and then did well to finish a close-up third to Super Cavalier and Royal Boy in Newmarket's July Stakes. He may be too strong for Barry Hills's Kempton Park winner, Ginger Knit; Piper, a promising third to Corrib at Ascot; and Two Swallows, also promising when fourth to Scattered Scarlet at York.

Piggott could also win the most valuable race of the day, the Savile Row Handicap, on John Sutcliffe's Streak. Streak has a tough task with 9 st 8 lb to carry, but has been running creditably in the highest class this season and seems a cut above the opposition. The consistent Murrmatch, who is vastly improved this season, and Joe Mercer's mount, Daring Boy, could make Streak go all the way, however.

Slim Jim, Piggott's mount in the Petticoat Lane Handicap, could also win, but here I slightly prefer the chance of the lightly weighted Amber Sun. Scobie Breasley's colt followed a win in a maiden race at Salisbury by finishing a creditable fourth to Midsummer Lad under a penalty at Windsor. Gerpora and Hurlingham are others well worth considering in this open race.

Eddery should win the Surbiton Stakes on Record Token, whose sixth to Green Dancer in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (the French 2,000 Guineas) looks much better than anything achieved by his two opponents, and the Aylesbury Plate on the newcomer, Johnny Turner.

STATE OF GOING (official).—Sandown Park: Good to firm. Great Yarmouth: Good. Catterick Bridge: Good to firm. Lanark: Good to firm.

Moving heaven and earth for a princely colt

From Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Lexington, Kentucky, July 22

The thirty-second Keeneland summer sale of yearlings began here yesterday. Although the yield during the afternoon was lower than on the corresponding day 12 months ago, business in the evening left us in no doubt that the recession in the United States had ended.

The high spot was obviously the bidding for the brother to Majestic Prince, who won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes, among other races, and Crowned Prince, the best two-year-old in England in 1972. Beforehand rumour intimated that we could expect a new world record price to be paid for a yearling and so it proved.

The chestnut colt, who was rather more flashy to look at than Crowned Prince, but a nice horse all the same, was eventually knocked down to a bid of $715,000 (about £286,000) made by the local breeder, Trimble Clark, who was acting as agent for Mr and Mrs Franklyn Groves, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Apparently, they are involved in the earth-moving business, which really must be something to be in. They have owned show horses before, but this was their first venture into the world of the thoroughbred. Quite a venture. Beforehand quite a few seemed to know that they were going to make their entrance in style.

John K. Sikura and Frank More O'Ferrall, the chairman of the Anglo-Irish Agency, were the two principal underbidders, and the colt was one of a huge consignment sold by Leslie Combes whose Spendthrift Farm is renowned worldwide, having already bred the winners of the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, the Kentucky Oaks, and the French Derby.

After the sale of this record-priced colt—incidentally Crowned Prince was the record holder in his heyday—the triumphant bidder: the underbidders and the beaming vendor were all asked to take a bow by the auctioneer, applauded all the while by a huge and excited audience. Quite a scene, very different from the rather more conservative atmosphere in Newmarket.

During the afternoon, 88 lots were sold for $3,302,000 (about £1,320,800) the average being $37,523 (£15,000). In the evening session, which began at eight and ended shortly before midnight, another 83 yearlings were sold for $4,676,000 (£1,870,400) at an average of $56,337 (£22,530). The strength of the market and the quality of horse can be judged by the fact that the lowest price paid all day was $11,000 (£4,400).

Think of the lowest price at the Houghton sales being as much as 5,000 guineas and one begins to appreciate the picture here. No wonder English owners and trainers are conspicuous by their absence. European buyers were on the ground here two years ago when they accounted for a third of the catalogue. This time there are not nearly so many, the opinion at home being that they will get better value for their money in Dublin and in Newmarket.

But, during the day I counted 21 yearlings knocked down to European buyers of one description or another, whether they were agent, owner or trainer. Although few will be finding their way to England, at least four, the four bought by Tom Cooper, the managing director of BBA Ireland, are destined to go to county Tipperary to join Vincent O'Brien's stable.

Included in their midst is the charming half brother to Ginevra by Crowned Prince, who somehow found his way to America having been bred in the first place by the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire. Although defeated in his quest to land the big fish, Frank More O'Ferrall still bought three quite expensive yearlings. Colonel Dick Warden, the representative of the Curragh Bloodstock Agency, was also actively engaged, as were Michael Motion and the Lambourn veterinary surgeon, Spike Kirby, who were buying for Sir Charles Clore.

To the unaccustomed eye it is strange to see yearlings sold in July. My overall impression has been how bright and mature they have looked and how well they handle. To the newcomer, an American sale is certainly quite an eye-opener, conducted as it is, like a tobacco auction, with the auctioneer singing his song at a rate of knots and his spotters plucking bids from the stars.

To the uninitiated it is an experience which is a far cry from the dulcet tones of a Newmarker. Being a sale of selected yearlings there is nothing quite like it in Europe. The initial entry for this week's sale was 970.

But, during the spring, the list was pruned by a panel of scrutineers, so that eventually only 350 passed through the sales. No one has been more intrigued by what he has seen this week than Michael Watt, one of the partners in Tattersalls, who is paying his first visit here. He will have learnt a thing or two and he hopes to have persuaded a number of American trainers to come to England to attend the Houghton sales in October.

Nor is there anything quite like the area that surrounds Lexington in Europe. This is known as the Blue Grass Country. There are acres and acres of studland, stretching for miles in all directions. It is said that there are 350 studs, or farms as they are known here, in the state of Kentucky and 450 stallions. Of these 350, 270 are to be found within a 25-mile radius of Lexington, the greatest concentration in the world.

A drive around is fascinating. Suddenly you come across a building or setting that is completely French; then a piece of old England or a rambling Ireland; and, next door, there is something that you tend to associate very much with the United States of the 70s. I have not seen any Blue Grass, but the studs are in beautiful condition and situated on limestone, and clearly the horses here thrive on minerals that they get from the grass and the water.

The Claiborne Farm has been a legendary name in racing for years. It prospered under the late A. B. (Bull) Hancock, and now it is doing precisely the same under the watchful eye of his son, Seth. There stands at Claiborne an array of stallions that is hard to match.

Obviously I was thrilled to see Nijinsky and Sir Ivor again, having watched them make their names on the battlefields of Europe. And fascinated, too, to see the great Secretariat, Riva Ridge, Round Table, Buckpasser, Forli and Tom Rolfe all for the first time. Hitherto they had been only names.

Both Secretariat and Riva Ridge, about whose fertility there was so much concern once, have both come up to scratch in no uncertain terms. In his first year at stud, Secretariat got 32 of his 34 mares in foal, and Riva Ridge's fertility was over 70 per cent. Sir Ivor looks much the same as he always did, but Nijinsky has filled out and let down at long last. He needed to do that.

At the Gainsway Farm, which also houses an impressive list of stallions, I was delighted to see Vaguely Noble again. I had not seen him since 1968 when he won the Grand Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Being a European horse he looks out of place here, and it is interesting that his impact as a stallion so far has been felt in Europe. Vaguely Noble is blessed with a lovely temperament.

Sandown Park programme

Television (IBA): 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races]

2.0 AYLESBURY PLATE (2-y-o: £552: 5f)
4 Beau Mask (V. Maskell), J. Sutcliffe, 8-11 .. B. Rouse 7
002 Churchillian (Lady Chelsea), C. Bewicke, 8-11 .. J. Reid 5 8
0 Half Price Offer (J. Seward-Smith), R. Hannon, 8-11 F. Durr 1
Johnny Turner (H. Kesnick), P. Walwyn, 8-11 .. P. Eddery 6
Noble Gunner (Mr Tennant), R. Hannon, 8-11 P. Perkins 3
00 Penny Arcade (H. Pearce), W. Marshall, 8-11 .. R. Marshall 5
0 Prince's Cave (D. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-11 .. L. Piggott 5
00 Tien An Men (J. Sung), A. Breasley, 8-11 .... J. Mercer 2
5-2 Johnny Turner, 7-2 Churchillian, 4-1 Beau Mask, 6-1 Tien An Men, Prince's Cave, 12-1 Noble Gunner, Penny Arcade, 16-1 Half Price Offer.

2.35 MILBURN PLATE (2-y-o: £690: 7f)
01 Ginger Knit (Mrs Kessly), B. Hills, 9-1 .... W. Carson 8
013 Irish Legend (P. Winstone), H. Cecil, 9-1 .... L. Piggott 1
0 French Reverse (Miss Wilkinson), R. Hannon, 8-11 F. Durr 4
03 Piper (J. Berry), I. Balding, 8-11 .... J. Mercer 9
0 Private Line (R. Young), C. Brittain, 8-11 .. P. Eddery 7
0 Orithyia (J. Crawford), Miss Wilmot, 8-8 .... P. Cook 2
Dutch Treat (Mrs van der Ploeg), H. Price, 8-7 A. Murray 6
God Aeolus (M. Cheng), B. Hills, 8-7 .... R. Street 3
4 Two Swallows (G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 8-7 .. B. Connorton 5
6-4 Irish Legend, 11-4 Ginger Knit, 4-1 Piper, 11-2 Two Swallows, 8-1 Dutch Treat, 12-1 French Reverse, Private Line, 16-1 others.

3.10 PETTICOAT LANE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £885: 1¼m)
410-030 Slim Jim (P. Roberts), I. Balding, 9-0 .... L. Piggott 1
004330 Mescalero (G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 8-11 .... B. Connorton 2
10-0004 Hurlingham (C) (R. McCreery), W. Hern, 8-10 J. Mercer 7
4-3203 Moonstrike (W. McDonnell), R. Houghton, 8-8 .. T. Morby 3
03-3322 Fair Deed (W. Barnett), H. Candy, 8-5 .... P. Waldron 3
02-1323 Gerpora (Mrs Lesley), R. Akehurst, 7-12 .... G. Baxter 9
02340-0 Yule Log (T. Lever), R. Smyth, 7-11 .... P. Cook 5
002014 Amber Sun (D) (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 7-11 A. da Cruz 6
5-2 Gerpora, 3-1 Fair Deed, 4-1 Slim Jim, 6-1 Mescalero, 8-1 Moonstrike, Hurlingham, 9-1 Amber Sun, 12-1 Yule Log.

3.40 BROOKLANDS HANDICAP (£690: 1¾m)
410-010 Our Nicolas (S. Weall), P. Walwyn, 3-9-7 ...... P. Eddery 2
411002 Quiet (CD) (R. Richmond-Watson), G. Smyth, 3-9-3 P. Waldron 1
3334-10 Monsieur Spock (Mrs Pitt), A. Pitt, 5-8-8 .. L. Piggott 5
000-000 Young Robert (N. Fowler), P. Ashworth, 5-7-10 W. Carson 3
000-230 Princely Review (Sir D. Clague), G. Benstead, 3-7-10 D. Cullen 1
7-4 Quiet, 3-1 Our Nicholas, 7-2 Monsieur Spock, 11-2 Princely Review, 20-1 Young Robert.

4.10 SAVILE ROW HANDICAP (£1,542: 5f)
13-0300 Streak (CD) (Mrs Myers), J. Sutcliffe, 5-9-8 .. L. Piggott 1
1200-00 Daring Boy (D) (Mrs Shirley), J. Bethell, 4-9-6 J. Mercer 7
250013 Murrmatch (CD) (J. Rubin), R. Hannon, 3-9-4 ... F. Durr 4
043-000 Cave Warrior (D) (R. Milner), G. Toft, 3-9-3 B. Connorton 2
001030 King of Troy (D) (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 5-9-1 R. Marshall 3
023000 Tribal Feast (CD) (Mrs Milne), B. Swift, 5-8-1 .. P. Cook 5
01-4040 September Sky (D) (A. Tentyl), G. Balding, 4-8-0 B. Fox 5 6
9-4 Streak, 7-2 King of Troy, 5-1 Murrmatch, 7-1 Daring Boy, Cave Warrior, 8-1 September Sky, 12-1 Tribal Feast.

4.45 SURBITON STAKES (3-y-o: £797: 1m)
3111-10 Record Token (Sir H. Ingram), P. Walwyn, 9-5 P. Eddery 3
042-010 Blagoslav (D) (Mrs Hue-Williams), C. Brittain, 9-0 W. Carson 1
2-132 Genesis (Mrs Houghton), R. Houghton, 8-11 .. L. Piggott 2
4-5 Record Token, 9-4 Genesis, 7-2 Blagoslav.

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Johnny Turner. 2.35 IRISH LEGEND is specially recommended. 3.10 Amber Sun. 3.40 Quiet. 4.10 Streak. 4.45 Record Token.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Prince's Cave. 2.35 Irish Legend.

Catterick Bridge selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Tack Rule. 2.45 Heraclius. 3.15 Moray. 3.45 Self Satisfied. 4.15 Lords. 4.45 Silent Town.

Great Yarmouth programme

2.15 FREMANTLE HANDICAP (£345: 1m)
1 0244-0 Blacksboat (J. Grndy), B. Lunness, 6-10-0 .... E. Eldin 12
3 002-000 Scaramander (D) (K. Rolph), G. Balding, 10-9-6 J. Curant 5
5 2024-00 Cyclamate (D) (Lady N. Boyle), W. Wightman, 7-8-11 T. O'Sullivan 7 15
6 432000 Avon Royale (A. Block), R. Davies, 4-8-11 .... B. Taylor 10
7 041-000 Summer Serenade (G. Tufts), Roy Carter, 4-8-6 M. Kettle 2
8 0 Mr Light (D) (L. Axambre), W. O'Gorman, 5-8-7 .... —
9 040320 Prince Jay (R. Callino), C. Dingwall, 4-8-6 .... J. Lynch 1
12 0010-00 Squiller (A. Johnson), Johnson, 5-8-1 ...... M. Thomas 4
13 043-000 Hi Snoop (G. Green), A. Davison, 4-7-9 H. Ballantine 5 6
14 Markes (CD) (B. Richmond), Richmond, 13-7-8 M. Wigham 7 1
15 0-00030 Miss Merc (C. Maloney), R. Hollinshead, 5-7-7 K. Lewis 5 11
16 Handyman (J. Ingram), P. Allingham, 3-7-7 ..... D. East 9
17 40 Horton Gate (R. Mills), D. Ringer, 4-7-7 .... E. Johnson 8
9-4 Avon Royale, 7-2 Prince Jay, 9-2 Horton Gate, 6-1 Summer Serenade, 8-1 Blacksboat, 10-1 Cyclamate, Scaramander, 14-1 others.

2.45 JELLICOE PLATE (2-y-o: fillies: £552: 6f)
3 Cavalier's Blush (Mrs Newton), T. Waugh, 8-11 .. M. Kettle 6
4 Dream County (Lady Zia Wernher), Doug Smith, 8-11 E. Johnson 3
5 043 Ebony Rock (Mrs Bricken), B. Hobbs, 8-11 ...... G. Lewis 8
6 El Ra (A. Watts), W. O'Gorman, 8-11 .... — 10
11 0 La Bambola (Mrs Eldin), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 A. Kimberley 13
14 00000 Linda's Dream (Mrs Broughton), G. Wallace, 8-11 M. Wigham 7 4
15 00 Melody Parade (G. Smith), J. Winter, 8-11 .... B. Taylor 11
16 02 Milliner (T. Maxwell), Maxwell, 8-11 .... G. Starkey 9
19 0 Rosey Spring (Mrs Broughton), G. Wallace, 8-11 K. Lewis 5 14
21 03 Swanee Music (T. Martin), H. Westbrook, 8-11 M. Thomas 7
23 04 Tudor Pageant (H. Poyser), C. Brittain, 8-11 .... R. Bolton 1
24 0 Woodwind (Sir R. McAlpine), Doug Smith, 8-11 E. Eldin 12
25 Yukon Goldie (K. Colman), A. Davison, 8-11 ...... J. Lynch 2
2-1 Ebony Rock, 7-2 Milliner, 5-1 Tudor Pageant, 8-1 Woodwind, La Bambola, 10-1 Dream County, 12-1 Cavalier's Blush, 14-1 El Ra, 16-1 others.

3.15 CRADOCK HANDICAP (£564: 1¾m)
1 102- Holly Fern (Lord Fairhaven), B. Hobbs, 4-10-0 G. Lewis 1
2 00-0000 Val D'Amour (J. Morley), D. Morley, 4-10-0 .. B. Taylor 3
3 1-11302 Tudor Crown (Mrs McSweeney), J. Hindley, 4-9-6 A. Kimberley 2
4 000-320 Glimmer of Hope (CD) (T. Bletsoe), I. Waugh, 4-7-7 E. Eldin 10
5 240-400 Tartar Ash (CD) (J. Parker), M. Stoute, 4-8-13 E. Johnson 8
6 000021 Netherkelly (J. Bigg), R. Hollinshead, 5-9-7 K. Lewis 5 7
8 214003- Silver Falcon (Miss Anthony), G. Kindersley, 4-8-6 C. Williams 4
9 0320-0 Barclay's Own (J. Medley), B. Richmond, 4-7-13 M. Kettle 9
11 03-0030 Hamish (G. Pritchard-Gordon), G. P.-Gordon, 4-7-11 D. Maitland 5
12 3-00000 Badessa (W. Gibson), W. Wightman, 3-7-7 .... M. Thomas 6
2-1 Tudor Crown, 5-1 Tartar Ash, 9-2 Glimmer of Hope, 6-1 Holly Fern, Netherkelly, 10-1 Silver Falcon, 14-1 others.

3.45 HAWKINS STAKES (2-y-o: £564: 5f 25yds)
1 021111 Short Reign (G. Blum), Blum, 9-3 .... M. Thomas 4
2 0312 Argumental P (A. Bray), R. Hollinshead, 9-2 .... T. Ives 5
3 2134 Sherden (Sir H. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid), G. Balding, 9-2 J. Curant 3
6 0 Minstrel (G. Ansell), J. Powney, 8-11 .... M. Kettle 6
7 Orbitman (Mrs Rutter), H. Cecil, 8-11 .... G. Dettori 2
8 00 Gresham Girl (J. Martin), G. Vergette, 8-8 .... D. Ryan 1
10-11 Short Reign, 5-2 Argumental P, 4-1 Sherden, 6-1 Orbitman, 12-1 others.

4.15 BEATTY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £690: 1m)
1 120100 Top Level (D) (Mrs Crossman), N. Callaghan, 9-6 E. Eldin 4
2 0-20042 Pipes and Drums (Mrs Hindley), J. Hindley, 9-1 A. Kimberley 3
3 021-000 Cheb's Lass (C) (J. Orbell), B. Lunness, 8-10 G. Starkey 6
4 43-0103 Deodar (R. McCreery), M. Stoute, 8-8 .... E. Johnson 2
5 402-020 Step Softly (C) (V. Foy), D. Thom, 8-5 ...... M. Thomas 5
6 30-0000 Bally Native (Mrs Sly), J. Powney, 7-12 .... M. Kettle 1
6-4 Pipes and Drums, 5-2 Top Level, 9-2 Deodar, 7-1 Step Softly, 10-1 Cheb's Lass, 13-1 Bally Native.

4.45 STURDEE STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £402: 1¼m)
2 00-0300 Great Reviews (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 9-0 ...... G. Sexton 6
3 030-032 Love Rocket (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-0 .. M. Thomas 4
6 Craigie Burn (J. Clabby), D. Rayson, 8-11 .... J. Egan 3
11 Hill Sing (Mrs Pope, jun), H. Cecil, 8-11 ...... G. Dettori 7
12 0-00 Kolobuki (Z. Yoshida), J. Winter, 8-11 ...... B. Taylor 1
14 00 Miss Rosetta (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 8-11 .... G. Starkey 5
15 00 Relation (Sir R. McAlpine), Doug Smith, 8-11 .... E. Eldin 8
17 03-0004 Stormy Princess (P. Young), N. Callaghan, 8-11 .. W. Hood 3
19 4403-02 Welsh Treaty (Lord Cadogan), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 D. Maitland 9
5-2 Love Rocket, 5-1 Welsh Treaty, 4-1 Hill Sing, 5-1 Great Reviews, 6-1 Relation, 8-1 Stormy Princess, 12-1 others.

Great Yarmouth selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Hi Snoop. 2.45 Ebony Rock. 3.15 Tartar Ash. 3.45 Short Reign. 4.15 Pipes and Drums. 4.45 Welsh Treaty.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.45 Swanee Music. 3.15 Tartar Ash. 3.45 Orbitman. 4.15 Pipes and Drums.

Lanark programme

2.30 BONNINGTON HANDICAP (£440: 1¼m)
1 0-00400 Showman's Fair (C) (Mrs S. Williams), D. Williams, 12-9-0 S. Charlton 5
2 134-000 Highway Robbery (D) (B. Hobson), B. Richmond, 4-9-0 T. Walsh 11
3 00-0000 Tacology (G. Mayers), E. Collingwood, 5-8-13 .. P. Hamblett 6
4 000033 Free Girl (D) (J. Thornton), E. Cousins, 3-8-10 G. Skeats 15
9 1213-00 Last Week-End (C. Longbottom), F. Wiles, 6-8-8 J. Bleasdale 6
10 40-0000 Early Morning (A. Sims), F. Wiles, 4-8-3 ...... N. Balmer 1
11 0-00030 Grand Attraction (G. Wallace), Wallace, 6-8-5 .... E. Bruce 4
12 4-00202 Gipsy Style (T. Dudley), J. Edwards, 3-8-2 .... C. Nutter 3
13 Spring Cruise (J. Barclay), Barclay, 5-7-13 .... W. Higgins 7
17 300443 Slingwrap (Mrs J. Gold), K. Payne, 3-7-11 .... S. Eccles 9
18 0000-00 Brumfield's Boy (N. Somerville), G. Wallace, 3-7-10 S. Houlker 5
20 0- I Like It (B. Richmond), Richmond, 10-7-7 .... P. Stead 12
22 000- Humble Boy (A. Vause), J. Mulhall, 10-7-7 .... V. Dunlop 10
4-1 Gipsy Style, 11-4 Showman's Fair, 9-2 Free Girl, 6-1 Slingwrap, Grand Attraction, 12-1 Last Week-End, 20-1 others.

3.0 WALLACE PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 7f)
2 404311 Evedor (C) (M. Callaghan jun), E. Carr, 9-7 .. B. Raymond 5
3 23310 Gala Season (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 9-4 ...... T. Lappin 4
7 210 Dunmurry Boy (J. Breslin), S. Wainwright, 8-11 .. J. Skilling 6
10 01 Dutch Martyr (J. Wilson), G. Robinson, 8-11 .. J. Higgins 5
11 001 Quarantine (T. Robson), Denys Smith, 8-11 ...... A. Barclay 7
12 000 Colonel Taj (Mrs J. Thomson), T. Craig, 8-6 .... K. Leason 1
17 0 Ochil Hills Star (J. Oswald), N. Angus, 8-6 R. Hutchinson 3
11-8 Evedor, 100-30 Quarantine, 9-2 Dunmurry Boy, 11-2 Dutch Martyr, 8-1 Gala Season, 16-1 others.

3.30 LANARK HANDICAP (£956: 5f)
1 20-0030 White Hope (D) (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 4-9-7 B. Raymond 2
2 200004 Yellow Prince (CD) (A. Stevens), Stevens, 5-8-12 R. Weaver 5 6
3 012422 Craigellachie (D) (Mrs K. Richardson), K. Whitehead, 5-8-5 J. Skilling 5
4 404000 Relative Ease (CD) (J. Mansford), T. Fairhurst, 4-7-7 J. Bleasdale 7 7
6 024400 Alarm Call (CD) (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 5-7-13 S. Eccles 7 4
8 0-00141 Royal Track (D) (Mrs R. Mason), R. Mason, 4-7-11 J. Higgins 3
9 210121 Kernel Rose (D) (N. Angus), Angus, 3-7-10 R. Hutchinson 1
5-2 Royal Track, 4-1 Kernel Rose, 5-1 Craigellachie, 11-2 Yellow Prince, 6-1 White Hope, 10-1 Alarm Call, 12-1 Relative Ease.

4.0 LOWTHER PLATE (2-y-o: £311: 5f)
2 Ally Macleod (G. McCormick), N. Angus, 9-0 .. V. Dunlop 7 10
3 00 The Brothers (P. Bowker), R. Haigh, 9-0 ...... O. Gray 2
6 230 Matter of Fact (Denys Smith), Smith, 9-0 .... A. Barclay 12
10 Raffvidor (A. Stevens), Stevens, 9-0 .... R. Weaver 5 7
11 000 Ronda Boy (J. Drury), S. Wainwright, 9-0 .... J. Skilling 11
12 Scot Nat (Mrs N. Carnihan), N. Angus, 9-0 R. Hutchinson 3
13 0 Salenas Dancer (L. Bainbridge), W. Atkinson, 9-0 P. Kelleher 1
14 Tribal Duel (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 9-0 P. Hamblett 7 8
15 34 Court of Hill (C. Paxton), J. Edwards, 8-11 Ron Hutchinson 4
17 Just Tempest (V. Sassie), J. Docker, 8-11 ...... J. Higgins 9
21 33 So Bright (Mrs M. Ainsworth), J. W. Watts, 8-11 .. J. Lowe 6
Evens So Bright, 7-2 Matter of Fact, 5-1 Raffvidor, Scot Nat, 12-1 Court of Hill, 14-1 Ally Macleod, 16-1 The Brothers, 20-1 others.

4.30 COREHOUSE STAKES (Handicap: £549: 1m)
5 00-0144 Tudor Lord (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 4-9-4 .. B. Raymond 5
6 210100 Darling Bob (L. Parnes), K. Payne, 5-8-11 ...... T. Lappin 6
13 00-0241 Sarcen (A. Cooper), Hbt Jones, 4-8-8 .... P. Kelleher 8
14 03-3303 Heriot (A. Innes), N. Angus, 5-8-6 ...... L. Addie 7 1
15 00000 Siobara (D) (Mrs J. Aspoll), W. Haigh, 5-8-5 .... O. Gray 3
17 000043 Medina Boy (D) (Mrs J. Thomson), T. Craig, 8-8-1 K. Leason 2
18 200000 Tudor Flame (A. Stevens), Stevens, 5-8-1 .... R. Weaver 5 4
19 02221-0 Westgate Falcon (D) (G. Bloor), E. Collingwood, 4-7-13 J. Lowe 9
20 0020-00 Galvanize (H. Morgan), F. Wiles, 4-7-11 ...... J. Higgins 10
22 000000 Auchentibber (R. Barrett), L. Docker, 11-7-7 .. G. Duffield 7
2-1 Tudor Lord, 4-1 Sarcen, 5-1 Heriot, 11-2 Medina Boy, 7-1 Darling Bob, 10-1 Tudor Flame, 13-1 Westgate Falcon, 20-1 others.

5.0 ROSS PLATE (3-y-o: £311: 1¼m)
5 0000 Iversay (Mrs G. Kingham), A. Stevens, 9-0 .... R. Weaver 5 7
6 00-0033 Jutland (A. Struthers), J. Dunlop, 9-0 .... Ron Hutchinson 4
8 00 Belle of Morland (G. Chappelhow), W. Haigh, 8-11 O. Gray 1
10 2-02002 Carmoni Queen (Mrs R. Taylor), G. Richards, 8-11 J. J. O'Neill 5
13 0-00402 Gracemount (H. Wills), B. Hobbs, 8-11 ...... B. Raymond 2
16 0 Rex Club (Mrs K. Richardson), K. Whitehead, 8-11 J. Skilling 8
19 03-2d02 Water Hyacinth (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan), M. Prescott, 8-11 G. Duffield 3
20 00-3404 Yeandley (B. Waller), F. Cundell, 8-11 ...... A. Barclay 6
7-4 Jutland, 5-1 Gracemount, 9-2 Water Hyacinth, 13-2 Carmoni Queen, 8-1 Yeandley, 10-1 Iversay, 20-1 others.

Lanark selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.30 Gipsy Style. 3.0 Quarantine. 3.30 Craigellachie. 4.0 So Bright. 4.30 Tudor Lord. 5.0 Jutland.
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4.30 Tudor Lord. 5.0 Gracemount.

Catterick Bridge programme

2.15 LEEDS PLATE (3-y-o Handicap: £345: 6f)
3 000000 Solo Spy (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 9-0 .... A. Cousins 1
4 0001-00 Robin John (D) (J. Winter), T. Fairhurst, 8-12 R. Edmundson 11
6 0-00431 Astronomist (T. Mellor), H. Wharton, 8-11 .... S. Webster 5 5
7 1-00004 Turkey Trot (D) (W. Drake), S. Wainwright, 8-9 .. A. Bond 5 8
9 03-0000 Tunstall Jane (W. Evison), W. Gray, 8-8 ...... E. Apter 6
14 410-03 Tack Rule (W. Watts), Watts, 8-0 .... T. O'Ryan 5 7
15 00000 Kintore (D. Buttery), J. W. Watts, 8-0 ...... S. Salmon 3 10
16 0400-0 Misty Belle (T. Leek), J. Fitzgerald, 8-0 .... G. Oldroyd 4
18 003000 She Thawed (H. Morgan), F. Wiles, 7-13 .. L. Charnock 5 3
20 4200-00 Tropalane (E. Hill), M. Prescott, 7-13 .... R. Still 2
21 000-00 Bay Willow (H. Whitfield), L. Shedden, 7-11 C. Eccleston 5
5-1 Tropalane, 4-1 Astronomist, 5-1 Solo Spy, 13-2 Tunstall Jane, 8-1 Kintore, 9-1 Robin John, 10-1 Tack Rule, 13-1 Turkey Trot, 16-1 others.

2.45 HUDDERSFIELD PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 7f)
1 0113 Captain's Wings (S. Reakes), F. Carr, 9-7 .... G. Cadwaladr 1
3 Durham Lad (J. Hirst), D. Williams, 9-4 ...... C. Eccleston 4
4 4331 Fast Music (J. Hardy), Hardy, 9-4 .... C. Moss 3
5 321 Heraclius (D) (C. St George), H. Cecil, 9-3 .... A. Bond 3 10
10 43212 Coming Closer (L. Bottbol), K. Payne, 9-1 .... A. Cousins 2
15 0u0 Morgan's Pride (H. Morgan), F. Wiles, 8-11 .... M. Birch 11
16 0 Red Frame (J. Rowles), J. Leigh, 8-11 ...... D. Nicholls 5 8
18 0 Cave's Pride (Mrs E. Underwood), W. Murray, 8-8 .... — 1
21 20 Hyperion Girl (B. Peacock), W. Wharton, 8-8 .. R. Wernham 5 7
22 No Fear (A. Soulsby), E. Weymes, 8-8 ...... S. Salmon 3 2
7-4 Heraclius, 5-2 Captain's Wings, 5-1 Durham Lad, 8-1 Coming Closer, 10-1 Fast Music, 12-1 Hyperion Girl, No Fear, 16-1 others.

3.15 WAKEFIELD STAKES (3-y-o Handicap: £605: 1m 7f)
1 01420 Tyrosa (A. Freeborn), J. W. Watts, 9-0 ...... A. Bond 5 4
3 3-00100 Premier Cru (Mrs D. Anderson), P. Cole, 8-12 R. Edmondson 1
5 00-4112 Moray (C) (Sir D. Clague), M. H. Easterby, 8-10 M. Birch 6
6 40-1034 Exquisite (Mrs A. de Rothschild), B. Hobbs, 8-8 C. Rodrigues 5 3
7 00-0010 Little Ditch (C) (Lady Compton), G. Kindersley, 8-6 J. Johnson 5 2
10 000-410 Camarina (Sir J. Musker), C. Elsey, 8-1 ...... S. Salmon 3 5
11 0-00 Lantana (Lady Delamere), S. Hall, 7-10 ...... W. Bentley 7
5-2 Moray, 3-1 Exquisite, 9-2 Little Ditch, 13-2 Premier Cru, 8-1 Tyrosa, 9-1 Camarina, 12-1 Lantana.

3.45 BRADFORD PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £345: 5f)
4 0 Brookmeade Hope (G. Buckley), J. Hardy, 8-11 .. R. Stainsby 6
7 00 Cortown Lady (J. Brown), W. Wharton, 8-11 R. Wernham 5 9
11 Gun Tower (Mrs R. Carr), F. Carr, 8-11 .... L. C. Parkes 11
12 June Henry (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-11 .... C. Moss 1
14 00 Lady Chairman (B. Coulson), S. Wainwright, 8-11 A. Bond 5 4
19 Miss Markova (N. Hopkins), J. Calvert, 8-11 S. Salmon 5 14
21 300 Nasarulla's Girl (W. Bass), F. Carr, 8-11 .... G. Cadwaladr 8
22 000220 Pickwood Sue (H. Pickering), J. Leigh, 8-11 .. D. Nicholls 5 5
25 40 Polyanna (G. Pratt), M. Prescott, 8-11 .... R. Still 2
26 42 Self Satisfied (A. Samuel), Doug Smith, 8-11 .. T. McKeown 10
27 00 Skiddy River (M. Marshall), J. Calvert, 8-11 S. Freeman 7 7
28 00 St Pat (T. Oliver), E. Collingwood, 8-11 .... S. Woolley 7 13
30 0000 Swiftsal (Mrs F. Raper), A. Bacon, 8-11 .... R. Edmondson 1
31 00 Villaflora (Mrs E. Manners), I. Jordon, 8-11 C. Eccleston 12
7-4 Self Satisfied, 100-30 Pickwood Sue, 5-1 Cortown Lady, 13-2 Polyanna, 8-1 Nasarulla's Girl, 10-1 June Henry, 12-1 Miss Markova, 16-1 others.

4.15 HALIFAX STAKES (Handicap: £375: 1m 5f)
1 123422 Baggin Time (G. Baillie), T. Fairhurst, 4-9-7 .... A. Bond 5 12
2 0000-00 Priddy Nice (P. Asquith), L. Shedden, 4-9-5 .... M. Bray 7 6
4 101413 Onward Tsubame (CD) (K. Kashiyama), F. Carr, 4-9-3 G. Cadwaladr 13
5 30200-0 Puritan (B. Lovatt), A. Bacon, 5-9-1 ...... R. Edmondson 3
6 00-034 Lords (R. Sangster), E. Cousins, 4-8-13 .... L. Charnock 5 10
9 3-04002 King Caspar (Miss A. Hilditch), W. Swainson, 5-8-11 R. Wernham 5 1
11 0000-44 Archetto (CD) (Mrs J. Hardy), J. Hardy, 5-8-7 .. C. Moss 2
12 333-430 Privy Case (C) (Mrs W. Glover), S. Nesbitt, 6-8-5 A. Cousins 7
13 0044-0 Master Scorchin (E. Ramshaw), M. H. Easterby, 4-8-5 M. Birch 1
15 0000-40 Jules (Mrs E. Jones), D. Plant, 4-8-4 .... — 2
16 040-401 Alf's Carino (G. Pacitto), J. Calvert, 4-8-3 .. S. Freeman 7 11
17 Pollock Fair (J. South), J. Harris, 9-8-2 .. R. Clotworthy 7 16
19 0-00023 Staria (T. Barker), J. Fitzgerald, 5-8-1 .... G. Oldroyd 9
20 310004 Enryco Mieo (H. Zeisel), K. Payne, 5-7-10 C. Eccleston 14
21 24400-4 Coxmoor Maid (Mrs J. Pulloyn), R. Bastiman, 5-7-10 P. Sapcote 7 8
22 0000-00 Prize Bingo (J. Meehan), D. Doyle, 4-7-7 .... S. Webster 5 15
7-2 Baggin Time, 9-2 Alf's Carino, 5-1 King Caspar, 13-2 Onward Tsubame, 8-1 Priddy Nice, 9-1 Lords, 10-1 Enryco Mieo, 12-1 Privy Case, 14-1 Archetto.

4.45 DEWSBURY STAKES (£418: 1¼m)
4 0004-30 Romany Star (T. Kent), A. Bacon, 4-9-7 .... R. Edmondson 6
5 00-0 Santa Eulalia (S. Thompson), D. Yeoman, 6-9-7 Mavis Yeoman 2
6 00-0000 Right Idea (J. Brown), W. Wharton, 4-9-4 .. R. Wernham 5 3
8 0 Cherry Gold (P. Harper), J. Hardy, 3-8-8 ...... C. Moss 10
9 000-00 El Muchacho (Mrs J. Lucas), S. Hall, 3-8-8 .... W. Bentley 11
11 400200- Jistajist (C. Moodie), F. Carr, 3-8-8 .... L. C. Parkes 9
14 2020-04 Silent Town (Mrs J. Shedden), B. Hobbs, 3-8-8 T. McKeown 13
17 0-00 Eternally (G. Reed), S. Hall, 3-8-5 .... — 1
18 00000- Ladyrullah (S. Bourne), F. Dever, 3-8-5 .... G. Oldroyd 2
19 034-003 Marilaique (C. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 3-8-5 .... M. Birch 7
20 000400 Stand In (Mrs J. Shaw), J. W. Watts, 3-8-5 .. A. Bond 5
21 00-002 Stolen Heart (D. Davidson), F. Carr, 3-8-5 .. G. Cadwaladr 4
23 03-0 Syrup (A. Greenshields), Mrs J. Simpson, 3-8-5 P. McGoldrick 7 12
35 00- Well Bottled (Mrs M. Neesham), S. Nesbitt, 3-8-5 A. Crook 7 11
4-6 Silent Town, 100-30 Jistajist, 6-1 Stolen Heart, 13-2 Stand In, 8-1 Martinique, 10-1 El Muchacho, 12-1 Eternally, 16-1 others.

Ayr results

2.15 (2.17) BUTE HANDICAP (£608: 1m 3f)
Africa Star, b c, by Tobrouk (FR)—Kelly Castle (Mrs A. Digby), 3-7-6 ...... S. Salmon (6-1) 1
Hunting Tower, b g, by Henry the Seventh—Welsh Huntress (K. Rainford), 7-9-3 D. Nicholls (7-1) 2
Crazy Guy, ch g, by Never Say Die—Dance Tune (G. Peter-Hoblyn), 10-8-12 A. Murray (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Farmers Boy, 8-1 Rondo's Boy, 6-1 October Fair, 13-2 Leading Question (4th), 14-1 Tacology, 16-1 Hard Angel, 33-1 Ungani Creso, Last of the Moors. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 18p, 25p, 20p. A. Balding, at Bawtry. ¾l, 5l. 2min 35.89sec.

2.45 (2.47) KNOCKJARDER STAKES (2-y-o: £853: 7f)
Plenty Spirit, ch c, by Jimmy Reppin—Holiday Spirit (I. Perratt), 8-6 .... E. Apter (2-1) 1
Wax Fruit, b f, by John Splendid—Pyracantha (A. Struthers), 9-0 R. Hutchinson (4-9 fav) 2
Sea Headrig, b c, by Double-U-Jay—King's Victress (J. Walker), 7-13 ...... V. Dunlop (14-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 30p; forecast, 65p. W. Gray, at Beverley. 7l, 3l. 3 ran. 1min 30.50sec.

3.15 (3.16) SOUTAR JOHNNIE HANDICAP (£851: 1m)
Mother Brown, b f, by Candy Cane—March Brown (A. Struthers), 5-8-10 .... R. Hutchinson (9-2) 1
Confluence, b c, by Forlorn River—River Moy (W. Carrick), 3-9-0 .. E. Johnson (2-1 fav) 2
Crescendo, b c, by Bleep-Bleep—Ma Griffe (Exors of G. van der Ploeg), 4-9-3 A. Murray (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Petite Souris (4th), 11-1 Kithairon, 12-1 Supreme Gold, 20-1 Ascot Royale. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 21p, 34p; dual forecast, 30p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. ¾l, 1l. 1min 42.54sec.

3.45 (3.47) KIRKOSWALD STAKES (£860: 1m 7f)
Carnlus, br c, by King Log—Stormy Venture (Mrs D. Riley-Smith), 5-8-4 A. Murray (5-4 fav) 1
Mount Irvine, b c, by Aureole—Picnic Party (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), 5-8-4 Ron Hutchinson (11-4) 2
Snow Tribe, b f, by Great Nephew—Cold Storage (N. Hetherton), 3-7-12 ...... S. Salmon (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Sir Something (4th), 20-1 Hendry's Lady, 50-1 Morgan's Star. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 12p, 15p; forecast, 55p. H. Price, at Findon. 4l, 5l. 3min 22.41sec.

4.15 (4.17) DUMFRIES HANDICAP (3-y-o: £827: 5f)
Kelso Belle, ro f, by Town Crier—Janabelle (E. Weymes), 7-11 S. Webster (5-2) 1
Haberdasher, ch c, by Habitat—Fleeting Interest (Sir B. Waley-Cohen), 7-13 E. Johnson (10-1) 2
Only Child, b f, by Foggy Bell—Miss Adventure (Miss S. Smith), 6-9 ...... L. Charnock (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Silver Camp (4th), 9-2 Hawisa, 10-1 Flame Bird, 11-1 Blue Prince, 20-1 Barrister. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 59p; places, 22p, 35p, 68p; dual forecast, £2.09. E. Weymes, at Middleham. Hd, ¾l. 1min 1.43sec.

4.45 (4.50) ALLOWAY STAKES (2-y-o: £515: 5f)
Amun' Ra, b c, by Red God—Star Boarder (P. Parnell), 8-11 A. Barclay (9-4) 1
Sunset Song, b f, by Song—Crimson Glow (D. Faulkner), 9-1 B. Connorton (11-8 fav) 2
Gallic Law, b f, by Galivanter—Legal Treasure (Mrs J. Hamilton), 8-8 ...... J. Lowe (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Love in Flames, 7-1 Crusty Shah, 20-1 Goyer (4th). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 14p, 11p; forecast, 50p. Denys Smith, at Bishop Auckland. 2l, 5l. 1min 1.71sec.

Folkestone results

1.45 (1.50) SANDWICH STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £554: 5f)
Miss Chelsea, ch f, by Crocket—Miss London (J. Pearce), 8-11 T. McKeown (7-2 jt fav) 1
Alpha Rousse, ch f, by St Alphage—Miss Rousse (D. Prenn), 8-11 B. Taylor (7-2 jt fav) 2
Chrisdador, b f, by Forlorn River—Laird's Lass (W. G. Payne), 8-4 W. Somerville (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Good Alibi, 7-1 Blackfoot Girl (4th), 10-1 Maid in Order, 12-1 Redhead, 16-1 Waterthrush, 20-1 Fast Prospect, Friday Brown, 33-1 Anharad, Mismillari, Money Bell, Trading. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 21p, 15p, 85p. D. Smith, at Newmarket. 1½l, hd. Casuarina Point, Miss Hawkhurst did not run.

2.15 (2.17) DEAL STAKES (3-y-o: £430: 6f)
Red April, b f, by March Past—Red Meadow (A. Warren), 8-11 R. Edmondson (10-1) 1
Brave Lon, br c, by Right Boy—Lease Lend (Mrs J. Burr), 9-0 G. Baxter (16-1) 2
Hedonist, b f, by Mandamus—Sateen (D. Shephard), 8-11 T. McKeown (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Disputed Gift, 11-4 The Papastan, 5-1 Le Baudrier (4th), 15-2 Smartie Pants, 14-1 Brave Dan, 20-1 Maggie Carta, Snapoon, 33-1 Court Lady, London Girl, Queens Slipper. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.87; places, 46p, £1.10, 35p. P. Cole, at Lambourn. Sh hd, 3l. Winner bought in for 500gns.

2.45 (2.49) FRIENDS OF FOLKESTONE HANDICAP (£891: 1m 2f)
Outrage, br h, by Crocket—Dynamique (Mrs F. Tower), 5-10-0 Mr R. Linley (13-8 fav) 1
Sin Y Sin, b c, by Baldric II—Golden Corn (Dr J. Sahagun), 4-12-0 Mr S. Woodman (3-1) 2
Setra, ch h, by Setay—Diconitra (A. Neaves), 7-9-5 Mrs M. Eagleton (20-1) 1
Ptarmigan, b f, by Hill Clown—Snowfall II (R. Dalby), 4-9-5 Mr P. Dalby (20-1) 1
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Atlantic Princess, 20-1 Henry Horsman, 66-1 Royal Moss, Country Lass, Dark Grey, Sirocco Siren, Prosen, Pendulum. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 17p, 16p, Setra 10p, Ptarmigan 11p. G. Harwood, at Pulborough. 2½l, 4l, dead heat.

3.15 (3.16) BROADSTAIRS HANDICAP (£761: 1¼m)
Court Circus, b h, by Floribunda—On Probation (R. Muddle), 5-8-7 .. R. Muddle (evens fav) 1
Fire Fairy, b m, by Firestreak—Fair Exchange II (E. Hickey), 5-7-8 ...... J. Reid (4-1) 2
Octopus, b g, by Major Portion—My Poppet (P. Hemlyn), 4-7-2 I. Jenkinson (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Spergula, 9-1 Sky High, 12-1 Historic Myth, 33-1 St Patricks Boy, Admirals Bird, Mr Tarzan, Ardema (4th), My Drake. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 14p, 14p, 51p. R. Hanbury, at Newmarket. 3l, 1l.

3.43 (3.47) RAMSGATE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £548: 6f)
Welsh Mate, b f, by Welsh Saint—King's Mate (Col Sir D. Clague), 8-7 ...... G. Baxter (11-1) 1
Ribramble, br g, by Ribero—Bramble (H. Copsey), 8-5 P. Cheese (8-1) 2
Ocaso, gr g, by Gulf Pearl—Phoebra (Miss P. Major), 7-12 A. Bond (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav White Wonder, 5-1 Gold Fire (4th), 6-1 Rose Track, Misty Music, 10-1 Copper Castle, 11-1 Winged Typhoon, 16-1 Phantom Town, 33-1 Town Jester. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.34; places, 47p, 45p, 64p. P. Supple, at Dartford. Head, neck.

4.15 (4.16) PERIOSTEUM STAKES (£442: 1¼m)
Deep River, b c, by Tudor Melody—Lucky Stream (Mrs J. Parsons), 3-8-12 P. Madden (5-4) 1
Amati, ch c, by Forli—Solaya II (H. Zeisel), 3-8-7 B. Taylor (4-5) 2
Pahlavi Line, b f, by Young Emperor—Persian Garden (Ld Petersham), 3-7-11 J. Lynch (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 20-1 Dawn Affair (4th), 100-1 Traction, May I Say. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 12p, 12p; forecast, 58p. Ian Walker, at Newmarket. 1½l, 3l.
DAILY DOUBLE: Outrage, Welsh Mate, £25.70. TREBLE: Red April, Court Circus, Deep River, £29.10.

Wolverhampton

2.0 (2.04) WORFIELD PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £414: 5f)
Oudalia, ch f, by Gala Performance—Ouda (Mrs J. Wallinger), 8-8 P. Eddery (7-4 fav) 1
Dreaming, b f, by Breeder's Dream—Brief Noir (E. Covell), 8-8 G. Starkey (7-1) 2
Princess Sovereign, b f, by Captain's Gig—Purple Queen (Mrs G. Frazer), 8-8 .. W. Carson (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Toenager, 8-1 Princess Silica, 10-1 Lotto (4th), 12-1 Choral, 14-1 Meeshafren, Super Jennie, 20-1 Luba Love, Pam-a-Loria, Twynlyns Lass. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 16p, 21p, 19p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 5l, 3l.

2.30 (2.34) THREADBARE HANDICAP (£441: 1m 1f)
Spacious, b f, by Space King—Seven Sisters (T. Corrie), 3-7-7 W. Wharton (8-1) 1
Ottimismo, ch f, by Never Say Die—Octavia III (R. Ward), 3-7-7 J. Rowe (8-1) 2
Ron's Lass, ch f, by Ron—Cheering Crowds (J. Bradley), 4-8-0 J. Woodward (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt favs Kinvaaston (4th), Minigold, 13-2 Super Mex, 10-1 Goldspur, 12-1 Scottish Cavalier, 16-1 Drumadoil, Compensation Year, 25-1 Arbitrage, Break Free, Battista, Black Sovereign, Song of Solomon, Shecantalk, Linder's Lad. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 68p; places, 17p, 16p, 22p, 14p. T. Corrie, at Shrewsbury. 2l, ¾l. Iantonia did not run.

3.0 (3.01) DUNSTALL DERBY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £876: 1½m)
Inkuband, b c, by Wolver Hollow—Great Joy (K. Bandisch), 8-13 W. Carson (4-5 fav) 1
Star Tail, b f, by Roan Rocket—Ash Lawn (G. Levett), 8-6 P. Cook (11-8) 2
Creptina, ch c, by Crepello—Polistina (A. Richards), 8-4 R. Still (10-1) 3
3 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; forecast, 22p. B. Hills, at Lambourn. 1½l, 12l.

3.30 (3.32) WESTON PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 5f 190yds)
Asa Yolson, b c, by Luthier—Bernina (J. Tarbuck), 8-11 J. Mercer (7-1) 1
Primonato, ch c, by Native Prince—Vaguely Related (I. Southern), 8-4 .... C. Moss (2-1 jt fav) 2
Ebb and Flo, b f, by Forlorn River—Daw 'n Blast (Mrs D. Haynes), 8-8 G. Sexton (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 jt fav Diamond Bill, 12-1 Ascot Blue, 14-1 Sheric Boy (4th), 20-1 On Sight, 25-1 Shy Meld, Doormat, Astro D'Argent. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 67p; places, 19p, 13p, 14p; dual forecast, £1.01. D. Marks, at Lambourn. 5l, 6l.

4.0 (4.3) BRADMORE HANDICAP (£662: 5f)
Glen Clunie, b f, by Mountain Call—Catherine's Pies (N. Henderson), 3-8-5 W. Carson (15-8 fav) 1
Will's Star, ch g, by Dunoon Star—Will's Girl (L. Barratt), 7-8-11 G. Sexton (3-1) 2
Penny Pincher, b m, by Constable—Midnight Dollar (Mrs R. Watson), 5-9-7 M. L. Thomas (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Karakava (4th), 7-1 Bright Bird, 16-1 Atrium, 33-1 Sky Miss, Regal Bingo, Miss Chirk. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 12p, 15p, 13p; dual forecast, 40p. H. Thomson-Jones, at Newmarket. Sh hd, 5l. Queezy did not run.

4.30 (4.35) BILBROOK MAIDEN PLATE (£414: 2m 1f 162yds)
Regal Step, gr f, by Ribero—Right Royal Time (Mrs B. Firestone), 3-8-1 .... F. Morby (9-4 fav) 1
Dusky Lis, b f, by Linacre—Dusky Princess (Mrs M. O'Sullivan), 4-9-8 .... J. Mercer (9-2) 2
Spanish Lacquer, ch g, by Chinese Lacquer—Clarito (J. Craig), 5-9-5 .... P. Eddery (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Temple of the Sun, 7-1 Dear Remus (4th), 10-1 Bishop's Crook, 20-1 Donnison, Mary Jump, Right Tactics, 33-1 Persian Promise, Renoerian, Herend, Happy Again, Our Squirrel, Pride of London, Vulrory's Kid, Sammy's Girl, Pine Sally, Poppy Jill, Whispering Breeze. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 14p, 24p, 17p. R. Houghton, at Didcot. 5l, ½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Inkuband, Glen Clunie, £1.85. TREBLE: Spacious, Asa Yolson, Regal Step, £76.20.

Cycling

Powerful teams compete in Scottish race

Cyclists from 10 countries compete in the Scottish Milk Race which starts in Glasgow today and ends in Dunbar next Sunday. In addition to teams from the home countries, most of the leading Continental countries will be represented.

Poland's team includes Ryszard Szurkowski, who was world amateur road race champion in 1973 and has won the Peace Race—the leading amateur event in the world—on four occasions. One of his colleagues will be Stanislaw Szozda, who won the Peace Race last year.

East Germany, The Netherlands and France also send top class riders and the British team includes Kevin Apter, who won the race last year and is the new national champion. He is supported by Griffiths and Carbutt, who were second and third, respectively, in the national championship.

Hockey

Britain more assertive and successful

From Sydney Friskin
Montreal, July 22

Having pondered the consequences of their defeat by Argentina, Britain achieved their first victory today in the eight nation hockey tournament being played here on artificial turf. A more assertive approach helped them to beat Mexico 3—0 for third place in Group A. All Britain can hope for now is fifth position overall, for which place Kenya are also in the running.

The change for the better in Britain's outlook was brought about by the inclusion of Sutherland and Gregg, who were used only as substitutes against Argentina yesterday. The middle line looked more stable and the attack more inventive.

But as well as Britain played they took a long time to achieve tangible results. They were at least a six-goal better side in the first half, but by the end of it they had scored only one. This was a pity because there is so much individual talent in the side.

For most of the first half the Mexicans tried by unconventional means to stop the flow of Britain's attacks. Numerous infringements, mainly obstruction, led to five short corners within 15 minutes, but strong hits by Long struck the goalkeeper's pads or a defender's stick. Long corners, too, poured in, but somehow the ball was scrambled away.

After dominating the scene for 33 minutes Britain scored from a penalty stroke converted by Wilson after French had been obstructed near the line. Almost on half time Long scored from a short corner but the point was disallowed for dangerous cutting.

Once the tension had eased Britain went into the second half with renewed confidence and in the seventh minute French hit a back pass from Gregg high into an empty net, the goalkeeper having strayed from his post. More opportunities presented themselves and there were two incredible misses by Long and Gregg.

In the last minute Cotton converted a short corner with a strong shot. The Mexicans had earlier tried desperately to score and Carson was summoned to save a good shot by Espinosa.

Late last evening Pakistan, by beating Kenya 2—0, joined West Germany, Argentina, and the Netherlands in the semi-final round, which will be played on Friday. Tomorrow is a rest day, but Britain will play again on Thursday for fifth and sixth place.

GREAT BRITAIN: A. G. Carson; P. C. Freitag, I. A. Thonson, D. G. Blackmore, B. J. Cotton (captain), D. C. Aldridge, C. Sutherland, P. J. Wilson, J. C. French, T. A. Gregg, S. R. L. Long.

MEXICO: J. Mercadillo; O. Rodriguez, R. Duenas, C. Devesa, N. Rodriguez, E. Paredes, J. Espinosa (captain), M. Devesa, R. Gonzales, P. Muñoz, A. Paredes.

Umpires: G. Hoedrath (W Germany) and A. Renaud (France).

Ice hockey

Ahearne retires after 22 years in office

Gstaad, July 22.—John Ahearne, the president of the International Ice Hockey Federation for the last 22 years, announced here today that he would give up the post.

The 74-year-old British president said he would not seek re-election at the current federation congress here and advised delegates to vote for the Dutch candidate, Freddy Schweers.

Mr Ahearne gave no reason for his resignation but a number of delegates here have said they would like a younger president and that after 22 years it was time for a change.—Reuter.

Croquet

CHELTENHAM: Challenge Cup: Draw, second round: W. R. Bulloch beat Lt-Col D. M. C. Prichard (+7); G. E. P. Jackson beat Mrs D. M. C. Prichard (+15); T. Barlow beat S. J. H. Wright (+10); I. Howard Wright beat Mrs W. Longman (+35).

Tennis

Mixed day for Middlesex

Middlesex and Essex men have reached the third day of the County Cup tennis competition in group one without defeat. But Essex remain favourites at Eastbourne on the strength of their defeat of the champions, Surrey, on Monday.

Yesterday, in difficult windy conditions, Essex beat Warwickshire. Middlesex's victory over Yorkshire owed much to the strength of the Middlesex top pair, Wilson and Leslie, who were unbeaten. The eventual clash between Essex and Middlesex is likely to settle the championship.

Yorkshire achieved the surprise win of the day in the women's championship. They beat Middlesex, who are now firmly on the bottom of the table. The result might have been different for Middlesex had not their top player, Glynis Coles, been held up in traffic on the way to Eastbourne and missed the start of play.

GROUP 1 (at Eastbourne): Men: Surrey 6, Derbyshire 3; Middlesex 5, Yorkshire 4; Essex 6, Warwickshire 3. Women: Devon 5, Surrey 4; Yorkshire 6, Middlesex 3; West of Scotland 5, Warwickshire 4.

GROUP 2 (at Frinton): Men: Hampshire 5, Lancashire 4; Somerset 5, Nottinghamshire 4; Gloucestershire 5, West of Scotland 4. Women (at Cromer): Essex 8, Nottinghamshire 1; Kent 6, Cheshire 3; Lancashire 6, Worcestershire 3.

GROUP 3 (at Budleigh Salterton): Men: Worcestershire 6, East of Scotland 3; Norfolk 6, Cheshire 3; Kent 5, Berkshire 4. Women (at Cheltenham): Suffolk 5, Berkshire 4; Hampshire 6, Hertfordshire 3; Sussex 7, Buckinghamshire 2.

GROUP 4 (at Southsea): Men: Hertfordshire 7, Lincolnshire 2; Buckinghamshire 7, Staffordshire 2; Leicestershire 5, Hertfordshire 4. Women (at Felixstowe): Derbyshire 8, East of Scotland 1; Oxfordshire 6, Cornwall 3; Gloucestershire 5, Somerset 4.

GROUP 5 (at Minehead): Men: Wiltshire 7, Suffolk 3; South of Scotland 6, Northumberland 4; Sussex 8, Devon 1. Women (at Weybridge): Wiltshire 6, Durham 3; Northumberland 6, Leicester 3; South Wales 7, North of Scotland 2.

GROUP 6 (at Ilkley): Men: No play, rain. Women (at Bournemouth): Dorset 7, North Wales 2; Norfolk 6, Northants 3; Bedfordshire 5, Lincolnshire 4.

GROUP 7 (at Malvern): Men: Cornwall 8, Westmorland 1; Cumberland 7, Dorset 2. Women (at Frinton): Cambridgeshire 9, Westmorland 0; Shropshire 5, Staffordshire 4; Herefordshire 5, South of Scotland 4.

Rifle shooting

BISLEY: St George's Vale first stage: J. Killian 75. Corporation 1,000 yards: M. J. Sullivan (Barclays Bank) and D. A. Phillips (Canada) tie, 48. Palma aggregate: J. S. Spaight 143. Lord Swansea 139. D. A. Phillips 1[illegible]. Wimbledon Cup: G. N. McEachran 50, tie 35, R. L. Clark (Canada) 50, tie 49. Lord Tedder: J. S. Spaight 344. J. W. Procter 343. M. T. Church[illegible] cote 342. Belgian: Lloyds Bank 5[illegible]. RN Portsmouth 561. Army CRC A 5[illegible]. Services short range: Army 1,1[illegible]. Royal Air Force 1,101. Royal Navy 1,087. TA 1,082. County match: Short range: Buckinghamshire 745. Staffordshire 743. Hereford and Worcester 7[illegible]. County short range championship: Norfolk 746. Buckinghamshire 745. Yorkshire 745. Burdwan: 1, Regular Army; 2, Royal Navy; 3, Royal Air Force (Regular Army, with four wins in five matches, a record). Services long range match: Royal Navy 546. Royal Air Force 545. TAVR 541.

PIRBRIGHT: Junior soldiers skill at arms meeting: Individual championship: 1, Trooper A. Armitage (Guards Depot) 381; 2, J/Rifleman N. Frape (Rifle Depot) 353; 3, J/Infantryman G. Shepherd (Depot Para Regt) 352. Unit championships: Major unit: Guards Depot; Minor unit: Rifle Depot. Winchester: Apprentice college championships: Army Catering Corps College; runner-up: RAOC College. [illegible] J/Rifleman N. Frape; 3, J/Trooper Armitage; 3, J/Guardsman N. Taylor. Green Howards Cup: Armitage; 2, [illegible] L/Cpl S. Perry (Rifle Depot). Sub-machinegun match: L/Cpl T. Rush (Rifle Depot); 2, J/Infantryman G. Shepherd. Junior Soldiers Cup: J/Rifleman R. Written (Rifle Depot). Snap shooting match: Major unit, Guards Depot; Minor unit, Rifle Depot. Falling plate match: 1, Light Infantry Depot A; 2, Parachute Regt A.



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THE ARTS

The law of Yuri Ahronovitch

Alan Blyth


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"Being faithful to the manuscript of the score is my law", said Yuri Ahronovitch when I spoke to him at Covent Garden through his faithful interpreter, Dmitri Makaroff (Ahronovitch's English is still uncertain) about his conducting of *Romeo and Juliet*, which returns to the Royal Ballet repertory tomorrow. It is a maxim that the company's dancers have been learning with a vengeance, but even if they have been initially opposed to Ahronovitch's wishes they have always been quick to agree when he has pointed to the composer's markings as his, the conductor's, justification.

Ahronovitch should know what he is talking about where Prokofiev is concerned. He conducted for the composer just once, when Prokofiev was playing his own third piano concerto. At a crucial moment in rehearsal Ahronovitch made an unmarked ritard. Prokofiev leapt from his seat at the piano and commanded the young conductor to obey the score. He also worked on the score of *Romeo* with the composer, and is very pleased at the version used by the Royal Ballet.

Ahronovitch had not forgotten my own reference in a review of his last London concert that the dancers would need hot feet when he got into the pit. "You must have been gazing in a crystal ball! Certain numbers are now being done at twice the speed. At first it was very difficult for the dancers, but the Macmillan choreography is so elastic that not in a single bar have I had to compromise the music. Everything I have done is there written in Prokofiev's own hand. But I wouldn't have wanted the dancers to follow me until I saw in their eyes that they agreed with what I wished to do."

Ahronovitch expresses surprise that we compartmentalize our conductors to such an extent. "In Russia most conductors do ballet, opera, concerts to an equal extent, as I did there. I spent 19 years conducting altogether in the Soviet Union. I began solely as a symphonic conductor, but when I moved to Saratov in 1956 to take charge of the orchestra, I was by accident asked to conduct an opera. I enjoyed that so much that I did much more opera. During my last nine years in the country I was with the Moscow Radio Orchestra, but our programmes were half symphonic, half operatic. I also conducted four times for the Bolshoi Ballet."

He is surprised here that ballet conducting is not always considered the best of jobs in the musical world. "In the Soviet Union it is thought to be the highest honour to conduct ballet. Mravinsky, Kondrashin, Rozhdestvensky, Svetlanov, all take charge of ballet, and Rozhdestvensky received the Lenin Prize precisely for his ballet conducting."

Now, in the West, Ahronovitch is anxious to have as much variety as possible, and his future plans, including an expected return to Covent Garden to conduct Verdi's *Macbeth* at the end of 1976 and *Fidelio* in Chicago this autumn, are varied indeed. Naturally, up to now he has been asked to do a great deal of Russian music in the West, but his sympathies seem to lie quite as much with the German romantics from Beethoven to Bruckner, Bruckner especially, and it was for that he was best known in the Soviet Union. His conversation often returned to Bruckner whose seventh symphony will be in a concert with the RPO next season—including the much-disputed cymbal clash in the slow movement, as he recalls that the notorious "gilt nicht" in the manuscript is not in Bruckner's handwriting. Similarly, Ahronovitch justifies his use of the alternative ending in Tchaikovsky's *Manfred* from correspondence between the composer and Vinogradov, and believes that he has decisively proved the edition current of Rachmaninov's first symphony to be anything but the composer's true wishes.

Much of his interest in German romantic music comes from his teachers, Kurt Sanderling, whose work we know in the West, and Nathan Rachlin, quite unknown here, but considered by Ahronovitch to be one of the century's great conductors. "He is a man of real genius. You can take my word that he is the Einstein among conductors. Now, unfortunately, he is too old to come here, nearly 80. I will never forget the impression his performances made on me."

In what way does he think musical life differs today between the West and the Soviet Union? "A big question. Without reference to any political aspect, I would say that, apart from such international stars as Gilels, Oistrakh and Richter, there is more individuality in the West, especially among conductors. There are no dogmas here about interpretation. If you listen to four or five different conductors in the same Beethoven symphony, you will hear that many different interpretations, all relevant to the composer; not so with Russian conductors. If you listen to three or four of them in Tchaikovsky's fifth symphony, I don't think you would be able to say this is one, that is another."

After Ahronovitch left Russia, he went to Israel, where he immediately had concerts with the Israel Philharmonic and married an Israeli girl. Then the Jerusalem Radio Orchestra created a special post for him. "They had no need to do that as they already had a conductor, but they did it to put me on my feet. I'm still grateful for that. Then I began to tour in Europe before being invited to Cologne, where I conducted my first opera in the West, *Otello*. I intended to take up a post there as musical director of the opera but for various reasons that didn't work out, I am now chief conductor of the Gürzenich Orchestra there. With that and my guest engagements I have a full life. It's hard to find someone who says he's really happy, but I'm certainly one of them."

His final words again concerned the Royal Ballet. "It's marvellous to work with such a musical company. For instance, when a Romeo for a moment has a stronger reaction to a Juliet than what was actually written in the score, I pointed that out to them that here Prokofiev had written a *piano*. I played it to the two dancers; they listened; after that, all went smoothly". Faithful to the autograph again.

The curse of relaxed spontaneity

Look Out, It's Sir
Theatre Royal, Stratford

Irving Wardle

As usual, the show begins well before you get inside. On what used to be the car park Joan Littlewood has set up a "Kids' Village" consisting of garishly painted odds and ends. The Waltham Forest Jewish Girl Bagpipers were out in force, in competition with a man singing Verdi at the door.

It sounds quite jolly when you write it down. In fact, it feels sadder every time. Marooned among the encroaching tower blocks, the Theatre Royal has got to the stage of treating everything, including the chance of its own destruction, as an invitation to belly laughs. On Monday there was even a mock demolition team assaulting the walls with a plastic boulder. One can well imagine this management organizing a knees-up on the Titanic.

Inside we have Stephen Lewis and Alan Klein's latest entertainment, directed by Victor Spinetti in the absence of Miss Littlewood. Like the fun and games outside, *Look Out, It's Sir*, reflects a serious matter: namely the state of British secondary education and the dead-end lives awaiting so many hopeful 16-year-olds. Valerie Walsh has a good song about this. But you don't catch this company going in for serious comedy; or for any but the most distant acknowledgment of the world outside.

The show takes place on the day a grammar school goes comprehensive. But all that means is that this is the day they let the girls in. It is back to British folklore with bold knicker-flashing girls terrorizing a class of thieving boys under the dithering supervision of a whacking ignoramus played by the author who, as ever, seems to be making it all up as he goes along.

Well, it is nice to see Mr Lewis again; and other Workshop troupers like Miss Walsh (one of the few actresses who can strip without freezing from the neck up) and Gaby Vargas who comes on to play a sluttish charlady clad in lace pants and a diamond choker. "I am sole custodian of a defunct plunger", she remarks as the object flops limply in her hand.

The production brings Mr Spinetti equal with Miss Littlewood as a non-completer of shows. Relaxed spontaneity is the curse of this address; leading this time to delayed entrances, bungled business, and the continuation of the band outside at the expense of stage dialogue. Mr Spinetti shows his mettle in one transformation scene where the stage switches from farce to fairy tale with the aid of a dress and a cardboard evening suit. But what pleasure there is comes mainly from the tested personalities of regulars like Myvanwy Jenn and Griffith Davies; and the endlessly resourceful Ian Armit at the piano.

London debuts

Max Harrison

St John's Smith Square, is an apt setting for Vivaldi, and Nel Romano's Baroque Concertante offered a well-varied selection of the concertos for strings, playing them on instruments of his time. We heard the D minor piece for two violins and cello which is familiar from Bach's transcription, works for lute, viola d'amore, violin and organ, and there was even a piece being heard for the first time in this country—a G major cello concerto published only in 1972. With seven such works in a row the sameness of Vivaldi's thematic ideas becomes very apparent, yet the Baroque instruments had a pleasingly silvery tone and both solo and ensemble performances were neat and vigorous.

Also at St John's, the tenor Richard Frewer made an excellent impression in Bach's Cantata *Ich armer Mensch, ich sunden Knecht* and in Finzi's beautiful *Dies Natalis*. The latter composer's pastoral style has rather more muscle than is at first apparent, and is well suited to Thomas Traherne's mystical text; the work's shape is obviously modelled on that of Bach cantatas with their well-varied sequence of movements, yet Finzi's music is richly imaginative, not least in its ambiguous harmony. Both Mr Frewer's interpretations had some interesting ideas, and his voice is firm and clear, without strain in the upper register, his phrasing particularly sensitive in Bach's recitatives. The Richard Hickox Orchestra accompanied, and framed these two performances with respectable accounts of Schubert's fifth and Mozart's 29th symphonies.

A singer for the fastidious

Maria Muldaur
Ronnie Scott's

Philip Norman

Maria Muldaur makes her first appearance in London with a week at Ronnie Scott's club—an unusual, even modest debut, one might think, for the vocalist whose "Midnight at the Oasis" was one of the pop successes of 1974. But there is more to her music than hit records, as any number of fastidious people are quickly discovering. Her other engagement on this trip was at the Montreux Jazz Festival, sharing the stage with Roland Kirk, Ella Fitzgerald and the Count Basie band.

Her history, in fact, is long and distinguished. It began in Greenwich Village, New York, in an almost pastoral world of folk and rock with such people as John Sebastian, Stephan Grossman and Bob Dylan for companions. During the past 10 years she has belonged to a freemasonry of musicians, both metropolitan and rural, who care more for work than its fashionability. That she should at least have become fashionable and famous is one of the few events which may yet give rock music a good name.

At a club's close quarters she is immediately fetching. She is little and plump with a great deal of hair from which is suspended, close to her face, a large orange object like a starfish. Her waistcoat is unbuttoned—but not challengingly—and her chubby hands, covered with baubles and rings, betray Italian origins.

The significance of these external details is that they have nothing to do with her voice, which is something new and independent and special. Its natural resource is small: a demure little sound, checked somewhere between a laugh and a sigh. It is what she achieves with it that matters: how she lifts and tapers it into country music; how she roughens and broadens it for the blues; how she picks the finest parts of any and every music style, with eyes closed, standing still, working at nothing else, with one plump hand rewards, and scarcely at all for resting near the starfish beside her face. It becomes clear that she is singing in an utterly appropriate place and that, of all the styles she can grace, it will be jazz which eventually claims her.

She appears with an energetic, dishevelled band whose guitarists seem as astonished as anyone when, at one point, they are pushed into sounding like a swing orchestra. They do not do so well when she leaves the stage: she returns, and they instantly revive. He audience on Monday was palpitant with adoration. Even Ronnie Scott himself, that sardonic proprietor-musician, seemed to betray a certain partiality.

Tarantara! Tarantara!

Tarantara! Tarantara! which opened at the Westminster Theatre last night, was enthusiastically reviewed by Irving Wardle at the Bristol New Vic in May.

Taking a gander at Bath

Gosling's Travels
Granada

Alan Coren

We are in danger of being overrun by idiosyncratics. They are an interesting, often an engaging breed of bloke, spawned by television's need to ginger up documentary with personality; but for all their real or feigned charm, they will have to be monitored carefully if the quotidian box is not to end up packed with loony minutiae.

Perhaps Fyfe Robertson was their great progenitor, abetted by Slim Hewitt in the Sweet Lang Syne of *Tonight*. You know the form: a man with a beard, a monocle, a deerstalker and a strong regional accent would be put on a horse and sent to cover the Labour Party conference at Blackpool, where he would devote his entire attention to a beachcomber who could play *Greensleeves* on a perforated whelk. Of the Labour Party, its conference, its people, its significance, we should be told little.

Since then, the brood has flourished, and all around us the Modlyns, the Johnny Morrisses, the Whickers trot, nosing out oddity and quirk and delivering them up to us in sly alliterative packagings while their cameramen zoom their lenses about in search of the visual ironies which can be seen to abound anywhere, provided the selection is prejudiced enough.

Newest of the tribe is Ray Gosling, a waspish lad who cashes in the chips upon his shoulders with a naive gusto which might be quite unsettling were his opinions better founded in fact, and who, irrespective of his political nudgings, would be a far better documentarian if he could resist the easy path of eccentricity-sporting.

On Monday, in the first of his new series, he took a look at Bath: and hardly had he stood up from the meadow in which the opening credits found him sucking a buttercup than we were plunged among freaks and quirks; a lady with a tame blackbird, lines of mayoral guests performing an aquatic hokey cokey in the Roman baths; a mid-Atlantic transcendental meditator doing his thing in a Regency crescent; a chorus of private schoolgirls singing on a dark hillside; and a thin man in an overgrown garden complaining about history's cavalier treatment of King Lear's father.

This indulgent revel had its adroit and amusing moments, but at the end of the day it was Mr Gosling that made his cheeky impress on the retina, not the city he had come to examine. It will not be easy to forget him finally leaving it, borne high above its unrevealed personality in a balloon propelled by roaring gusts of hot air.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

SUMMER READING FO[R] CHILDREN/1

Historical fiction

The Prisoners of Septemb[er] by Leon Garfield (K[es]trel Books, £2.95). Leon Ga[r]field's appetite for odd alig[n]ments of illusion and reality [is] handsomely indulged in th[is] new adventure. Woven arou[nd] the hideous Paris Massacres [of] 1792, he positions two ve[ry] opposite kind of Englishmen [in] the capital at the height of th[e] horror—Lewis Boston, a kindl[y] romantic bourgeois, and h[is] friend Richard Mortimer, wh[o] is better-bred but grimly rad[i]cal, a forerunner of Paul For[d] and Bridget Dugdale.

Nobody knows better tha[n] Leon Garfield what rich inve[n]tion can spring out of the co[n]flict of opposites but the ex[u]berance and ingenuity whic[h] characterize his story-tellin[g] normally conceal a highly fo[r]mal narrative groundpla[n]. Each event, each response i[s] patterned by another. Peopl[e] are paired as if they wer[e] dancing, coincidence is unasha[]medly employed to bring hi[s] opposites together in a single situation. And, at his best, thi[s] gives his writing great style. But in *The Prisoners of September*, the contrivance shows through here and there. The coincidences often seem downright wayward and a number of characters emerge and sink to suit narrative convenience.

All the same, Leon Garfield at his serendipitous . . . paces ahead of the bulk of the field, straining their utmost and he succeeds, as ever, in creating a number of vividly observed minor characters . . . a French corporal with a longing for a Hampshire he has never seen, a housekeeper whose advances are unwelcome but irresistible, a father whose ache for status is marginally more disabling than his ache for money. He is strong too, in his pictures of cruelty and fear in the Paris streets.

In short, Mr Garfield has been naughty, but nice.

J.G.

The Firebrother, by Kevin Crossley-Holland, illustrated by Joanna Troughton (Heinemann, £1.35.) The story stands upon such firm historical ground as there is—Kevin Crossley-Holland can be trusted for that. The setting is now called St Peter-on-the-Wall, at Bradwell-on-Sea in Essex, but the date—uncannily precise—is 657 and the monastic church has been there scarcely a year, built by Cedd (which he would have pronounded Ched) at a place he spelt Ythancestir but spoke of, apparently, as Oothanchester. Strange names create a strange world which becomes more distant still as you are gradually made to realize that for most of its inhabitants the backcloth of Christianity . . . still with us—simply did not exist. Here we see it actually being woven and the Saxon boy, Wulf, has every opportunity to appreciate how new and different and strong it is. Attracted by the monks, he is also in no doubt of the hostility they arouse since it finds its most painful and finally disastrous expression in his own brother. The ending is deliberately inconclusive and this and the unfamiliarity of it all seems likely . . . *The Firebrother* Freezing the mind long after the last page is turned.

D.W.

The Land Beyond, by William Corlett (Hamish Hamilton, £2.50). The young can fizz, or slump like the rest of us. A young television playwright travels to Delphi after the collapse of a love affair. Wretched and confused, he still knows that the art of life is in transforming setbacks to assets. The heart breaks but a play emerges, the grand consolation prize. Actually, he wins more. Out of the splendid dawns and sunsets, heat and light, and the tragic vibrations of Apollo's desolate temple, he meets, or seems to meet, the original Charioteer of Delphi. It is a slip backwards in time. Alongside motors and tourists he mingles with chariots, sacrifices, runic solemnities, priests of a goddess older than Apollo. From them he discovers a pattern beneath his present-day chaos. Mr Corlett freshly conveys sky, landscape, rock, has an interesting slant on antiquity, and, usefully, knows just when to stop.

P.V.

The Chocolate Boy, by Geoffrey Trease illustrated by David Walker (Heinemann, £1.35). Sam is the tyrannical Mrs Toplady's latest possession—a real chocolate coloured boy imported from the West Indies at immense expense to serve his mistress's hot chocolate. And of course to astonish the citizens of 18th-century Nottingham. With a laudable disregard for racial distinctions, Mrs Toplady (aided by the abominable young George) also oppresses her visiting niece, Sarah. She not surprisingly forms an alliance with Sam who rescues here from a riot at the Goose Fair—gallant British George having fled. But Sam, who should never have been at the Fair in the first place, is too far gone in his employer's disfavour for anything to redeem him and he takes the opportunity to join a travelling fair.

As a story "for the younger reader" this has its obvious attractions: the bad are bad and the good are good and on the whole the good come out on top; the action moves at a brisk pace against a background of authentic historical detail some of which just might stick when young readers age a bit.

D.W.

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Summer reading for children

Picture books

Aio the Rainmaker, by Fiona French. (Oxford, £1.80). Aio danced before the Ancestors to bring rain to his stricken tribe. Masked and robed, he simulated the thirsty leopard and the antelope, the chameleon, parrot, monkey and python; and the Ancestors granted rain and the plains were green again. Miss French sets down the movements of this African ritual in prose which is as measured and resonant as the dance itself. Her huge double-spread colour pictures echo the pathos and drama of Aio's supplication, and when the rains come the water seems to sweep triumphantly across the surface of the page. A strong and deeply-considered contribution to picture-book art.

B.A.

The Breadhorse, by Alan Garner and Albin Trowski (Collins, £2.75). The Breadhorse is a playground game. The "horse", when caught, has to carry the other children on his back. Ned, the boy of Alan Garner's poem, is a perpetual horse, a playground victim. Until, that is, teased into an imagining by the cry gipsies make to fretful horses (Kosko gry! Rommany gry! . . .), he dreams of his own horse. And then he has the power of horses, chalk horses, winged horses, unicorns and centaurs, and the spirit of the playground tilts.

The idea haunts but it doesn't completely work as a book, partly, I think, because of the character of the drawings. I can see that Albin Trowski has tried to match image to state of mind, but the playground children are a bit *too* attractive, Ned's dream horse a bit *too* Gordon Fraser, with a star surround and a yellow mane. On the other hand, his page of mythical horses and the stalking grey shadow-horses (in the face, across the playground) are perfect.

J.G.

The Bear's Toothache, written and illustrated by David McPhail (André Deutsch, £1.75). Small boy, wakened by suffering bear, hauls him into his bedroom and tries to provide first-aid. Steak—and all the other provender from the kitchen—is no good, nor is a hefty blow with a pillow; so a more dynamic traditional remedy is called upon. The bear jumps out of a window with his tooth in a lasso, and presto! small boy has won for himself a molar the size of a small scimitar. This tiny story is nothing in itself, but gains everything from its dreamy colouring and from Mr McPhail's loving portrayal of both bear and boy.

B.A.

Naughty Nancy, the Bad Bridesmaid, by John S. Goodall (Macmillan, £1.10)—a storybook entirely in pictures of an Edwardian mouse wedding, complete with class distinctions, turned into a semi-rout by the antics of a wicked little girl mouse with an agile imagination. Wholly delightful.

P.T.

The Children's Book of the Year exhibition opens today at the National Book League, 9 Albemarle St. London, W1. 10 am-6 pm (weekdays), 10 am-1 pm (Saturdays) until August 9.

The reviewers are Brian Alderson, Jacky Gillott, Barbara Sherrard-Smith, Philippa Toomey, Peter Vansittart, David Wade, Joy Whitby.

Folk tales

Men from the Village deep in the Mountains, translated and illustrated by Garrett Bang (Evans, £2.25). Raised on the Brothers Grimm and Company, you might read this Japanese collection from end to end with the feeling that its contents had gone in at one eye and straight out at the other, leaving not a wrack behind. At first glance the dozen or so stories seem bodiless, like sketches for stories shortly to be written out in full. But then Japanese painting has the same effect and similarly, perhaps, these deceptively simple constructions will bear repeated looking at. Read about the antics of Crafty Yasohachi, Stingy Kichiyomu and Dull-witted Hikoichi (three aspects, seemingly, of the Middle Eastern Nasrudin) or the tragic outcome of *The Cloth of a Thousand Feathers*. Then read them once again: you may find that like seeds they have dropped into the mind without a sound and germinated.

D.W.

Italian Folk Tales by Italo Calvino, translated by Sylvia Mulcahy, illustrated by Emanuele Luzzati (Dent, £3.25). Italy, says Mr Calvino, never had a Grimm, a Perrault, a Pushkin, a Tieck, an Andersen. This attractive collection is a small step towards repairing the omission: 28 stories collected from all over the country, but characterized by an exuberance of unlikely incident which is reflected in the bright Punch-and-Judy style illustrations of Emanuele Luzzati. All the familiar elements of the European fairy tale are here and in some cases old friends appear in thin disguises: no one will have difficulty recognizing *Beauty and the Beast* in *Belinda and the Monster*. Family relationships stretch beyond Europe: *Jack and the Giant* may be pan-European but a very similar story can be found attributed to a Central Asian writer of the eleventh century. The grouping of the tales (stories to scare you, to make you laugh, to make you cry a little) gives some shape to the collection. The translator might perhaps have found a way of rendering names which avoided things like "Twiddlepet"; in general, however, her work is serviceable.

D.W.

Two new editions of fairy-tale collections have also reappeared recently: Tales from a Finnish Fireside by James Cloyd Bowman and Margery Bianco (Chatto & Windus £2.25) and The Well at the World's End: folk tales of Scotland, retold by Norah and William Montgomerie (Bodley Head, £3.20) The first tempers some of the acerbity of its original material, and the second modifies the strength of dialect in places, but both are packed with good stories.

B.A.



Waking at dawn is **The Terrible Tiger**, by Jack Prelutsky, pictures by Arnold Lobel (Bodley Head, £1.20) who gobbles everyone up in verse until he meets a tailor with very sharp scissors. Great fun.

For older children

Me Too, by Vera and Bill Cleaver (Collins, £2.50) is a story from America about 12-year-old identical twins—one unusually perceptive, the other mentally retarded or, as they call it over there, exceptional. Lydia, the bright one, spends an intense and dedicated summer trying to educate her sister Lornie and struggling with responsibilities and experiences that force her into a maturity beyond her years. Vera and Bill Cleaver are chin-out-punch-me writers, exploring what may at first sight appear to be new ground in children's writing. In fact, it isn't all that new. Frances Hodgson Burnett also realized that sickness and loneliness in childhood could make good story material. There is much to recommend it, but for my taste the educational psychologist's approach is less palatable than the romantic's. Lydia, for example, working out what she will say when her runaway father returns, decides: "Our never did do anything. It's like can't." If a child talked like that to me I'd want to box its ears. And if I ever allowed myself to talk like that to a child, I'd deserve to have my own ears boxed in return.

J.W.

The Team, by K. M. Peyton (Oxford, £1.80). If you are a K. M. Peyton fan like me, you should note her latest offering. It isn't as ambitious as some of her other novels but it demonstrates her special skill in slipping imperceptibly between the subjective and objective view so that you know at the same time what her characters are thinking and what she thinks about them. *The Team* is about the trials and tribulations of four young riders committed for different reasons to the religion of show jumping and cross-country racing. The heroine is Ruth from *Fly-By-Night*, now three years older and beginning to suffer the growing pains of adolescence. Those who belong to the Pony Club world will have the extra satisfaction that comes with identification. For the uninitiated, Kathleen Peyton's informed and unaffected story-telling has the same compulsive fascination as "The Horse of the Year Show".

J.W.

An Island for Two, by Ludek Pesek, translated by Anthea Bell (Kestrel Books, £2.50) is an engrossing account of a young man's desperate attempt to achieve his ambition by staging a hold-up [illegible] Zurich shop, taking a hostage to prevent his own capture, and hiding in the mountains until he can escape to the island he has always yearned for. Such are the bare bones of the plot, but the real interest of the book lies in the developing concern of Peter and Judith for each other. Each has a lonely and unhappy background, and each finds in the other the peace and security of Peter's dream island. To achieve his dream he had planned a daring robbery; to achieve the reality he has now discovered, he is prepared to face the harsh consequences. A convincing and compelling book.

B.S.-S.

Dark River, Dark Mountain, by Sylvia Sherry (Cape, £1.95) recaptures hauntingly the atmosphere of a village in Yorkshire during the war. The narrator returns to the village some thirty years later and immediately recalls his emotions as a 15-year-old evacuee, when he first became aware of the beauty and menace of the moors and mountains, the lure of pot-holing and caving, the life of a small village. Equally authentic is the sense of time—the early 1940s, when everyone was suspicious of strangers and daily expecting invasion. Colin remembers his sense of kinship with Marthe, the young French girl who comes to live in Wenning, and whose tragic death has remained unsolved until now. Any improbabilities in the plot remain unnoticed while one reads, so anxious is one to know what happens next, and so convinced is one by the authenticity of time and place.

B.S.-S.

Backwater War, by Peggy Woodford (Bodley Head, £1.75) is a book I recommend highly. It is a sensitive, mature novel about a seventeen-year-old girl, Anna Hardy, whose family is caught up in wartime Guernsey when the island was occupied by the Germans. It describes in detail and without sentimentality how ordinary people lived through the hardships of 1942—what they ate, wore, thought and did to survive. The characters, both men and women, are as well-observed as their background and the plot, which is a slight but absorbing escape story, should interest boys as well as girls. I particularly admire Mrs Woodford's understanding of the emotional cross-currents that flow between people in times of stress. She handles the frustrations of young love with both candour and delicacy.

J.W.

The Shed, by Vera Wood (Dennis Dobson, £2.75) is in a class on its own. It is no more a children's book than *Larkrise to Candlefjord*, but I have no doubt children will enjoy it as much as adults. Its appeal crosses the normal age barriers. The jacket tells us that the seeds of the story were planted when the author herself was a child. *She was stopped one day on her way home from school by a family who, finding themselves in the district, wished to know "exactly where was The House?" "The house was the scene of a peculiarly horrifying and tragic war crime in which the newspapers were wallowing.*

Much of the action is seen through the eyes of Annie, a bright nine-year-old living in the gutsy, poverty-ridden East End of London in 1917. The other characters that crowd the pages of this quasi-documentary period piece are equally vivid. They all talk Cockney but the dialogue is set down in a way that is both convincing and easy to read. In between, the narrative flows with shrewd humour. Words and images seem to spill out effortlessly, yet the total effect has a chilling purpose that doesn't come by accident.

J.W.

M. C. Higgins The Great, by Virginia Hamilton (Hamish Hamilton, £2.50) Mayo Cornelius Higgins is black and the eldest son of a large family who live on their own slope of a mountain in Ohio named after their own grandmother, Sarah. Behind and around them curl the wounds of strip mining. Above them, the pyramid of spoil that other men judge must move by *so much* every year, calculations dismissed by Jones, M.C.'s father, who prefers his own geometry—the kind in which one man with one hand can hold back a million tons of slurry.

This is the understood background of Virginia Hamilton's beautiful book. Visit[illegible] definition, she writes of M.C.'s witchy friend Ben (he and all his spell-wise, interbred family have orange hair and six fingers and six toes), of a brave, strange girl who camps by M.C.'s lake and startles him—in every sense. . . . Of the man who comes to capture his mother's wonderful voice on tape and gives the boy hope of escape from the mountains and valleys he can see from the top of a swooping metal pole rising 40ft high from his father's junk yard.

Miss Hamilton makes magic. She is one of the real writers. One of those whose imagination occupies a larger dimension of time and space than can easily be explained. And although a young reader might find the structures of speech a little hard to follow initially, the author's power of expression is great enough to see him through. And beyond.

J.G.

The Chocolate War, by Robert Cormier (Gollancz, £2.30). How much do parents know of their children's school? Trinity, an American Catholic college, looked decorous enough but from within was a small replica of the larger political world, the sheer nastiness of greedsters, twisters, toadies, blackmailers, power-maniacs, seeping down into creeping teachers who either cringe to their pupils or overdramatize themselves. The pupils endure gang-terrorism, mindless hero-worship, calculated victimizations, controlled by the Vigils, a Mafia rooted like a poisonous weed and dominated by cruel, imaginative, fastidious Archie. For Archie, religion, life itself, is a matter of expert PR cats who practically invented Jesus. Pictured with some subtlety, Archie has repellent fascination. A victim reflects: "As much as he hated Archie, he loved to see him when he was swinging into action." Half the history of tyranny is in that. Brute endurance, moral and physical courage, are embodied in a new boy involved in a treacherous, Vigil-supported project, selling chocolates for school funds. There follows not a literary exercise but a quick-firing, journalistic exposure of the more atrocious processes of growing up. Can't happen here? It can and does. Daily.

P.V.

For the young

Are all the Giants dead?, by Mary Norton, illustrated by Brian Froud (Dent, £2.75). A welcome return by the author of *The Borrowers* after a long absence, with a delightful fairy tale—the end of all fairy tales, in that it concerns the characters famous in their youth, Beauty and the Beast (now Boofy and Beau to their friends) and the two Jacks (Giantkiller and Beanstalk) who run a pub together in Much-Belungun-Under-Bluff, a fairytale village visited only in the dreams of James, who finds the talisman that sets the heroine free of the spell. . . . Charming, with illustrations to match.

P.T.

The Peppermint Pig, by Nina Bawden (Gollancz, £2.20). A happy family story which begins sadly, with Father accused wrongfully of a theft—whereon he goes off to America to seek his fortune, and his wife and Poll and Theo, Lily and George went down in the world, and had to leave London for a small town in Norfolk. The peppermint pig is Johnnie, the runt of the litter who becomes a household pet. Hard times mean difficult lessons to learn for all the children, put over by the author in a way which will instruct as well as amuse, with a keen eye for characterization and detail of the Victorian social scene.

P.T.

Running Scared, by Alan Evans (Brockhampton, £1.75). A first novel for children by a writer of thrillers. It has no particular distinction apart from being unashamedly devoted to the simple demands of telling a pacy story and not giving way to fashionable reflections on psychology or society. Indeed, at times one suspects that the ghost of John Buchan is trying to rewrite *Five Go to Smugglers Top*.

B.A.

More Prefabulous Animiles, by James Reeves and Edward Ardizzone (Heinemann, £1.90). Following closely the design of the *Prefabulous Animiles of 1957*, Mr Reeves and Mr Ardizzone now treat us to such newly discovered species as the Oxyphantasorius, the Nog, and the Sniggle ("The Sniggle—often called the Snyle—is not a lovely animile"). My own favourite is the sadly dreadful, dreadfully sad Bogus-boo:

This Bogus-boo,
What can he do
But luffle in the dark?
So don't take fright;
He has no bite
And very little bark.

If Mr Reeves were not so much his own man one might discern the unlikely alliance of Hilaire Belloc and Dr Seuss looming over his typewriter.

B.A.

Fantasy

Invisible Magic, by Elisabeth Beresford, illustrated by Reg Gray (Hart-Davis, £2.25) combines sophistication and naievete, the past and the present, the fantastic and the humdrum, in an unlikely mixture which proves pleasantly readable. Roy Hatch, crossly returning from his paper-round one morning, ignores "Keep Off" notices and rides across the local park. In doing so, he rides into invisible magic and frees Elfrida from a spell. Though invisible, she makes her presence embarrassingly known, and she and Roy have a series of adventures as they seek the place and time from which she came.

B.S.-S.

Children of Morrow, by H. M. Hoover (Methuen, £2.50). On an earth finally suffocated by pollution, only two societies survive. One is technological, with memory banks, solar energy plants, hydroponic farms. Advanced telepathic powers have been developed, to control, research, kill. A dictator "The Elite" governs a computer-educated population. Telepathy discovers two intelligent children, misfits in a distant tribal society reduced to brutishness, superstition, military despotism. After an accidental killing the children flee, telepathically guided by the Elite. The adventure is absorbing, its message is dispiriting. In both societies, misfits who enjoy wit, irony, full-blooded laughter, brute fun, minor but pleasing sensualities, are ruthlessly eliminated.

P.V.

The Mine of Lost Days, by Marc Brandel, illustrated by John Verling (Cape, £2.25). The less sophisticated may enjoy this new version of a popular theme, the involuntary journey into the past. Henry, an American boy holidaying in Ireland, falls down a derelict copper mine, supposedly haunted. He finds survivors from a lost era, still living in the abominable aftermath of the Famine, redcoats hunting rebels amid the stink of rotting potatoes. Also, man-eating monsters are prowling around. Helped by toxic underground mushrooms, Time and place are freely juggled. An old man dying in twentieth-century Ireland is met as a youth in the American West in the '49 gold rush. Henry not only rides the range with a Red Indian but seemingly encounters his own great-great-grandfather. If children still read in bed, they might try this, on the verge of sleep finding one set of dreams to mingle with their own.

P.V.

Robiosheugh, by Eileen Dunlop (Oxford, £1.95). Elisabeth's parents must needs go a-lecturing in America, leaving her to stay with an unsatisfactory aunt (for Granny is in hospital). The aunt, of course, is doing research into family papers at a remote Border mansion, and although the ménage is made up with a commonsensical undergraduette she is unable to prevent the hauntings which are the story's raison d'etre. For the author—writing her first book—these are the makeshift properties of inexperience. When she leaves them for description she shows much greater powers, while her handling of the central events of her ghost story is so well done that one regrets her need to justify it with a creaky fantasy and so many tortuous psychological explanations.

B.A.

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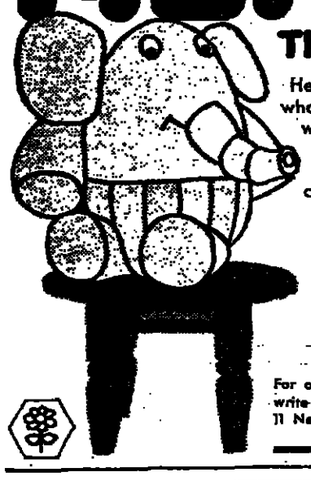
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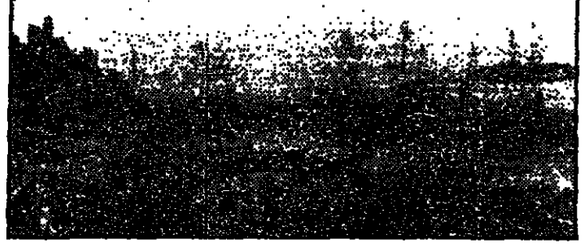
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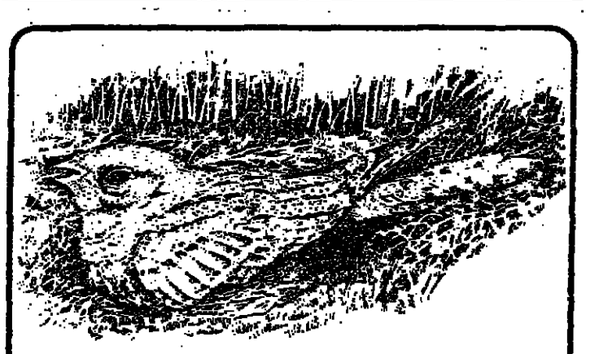
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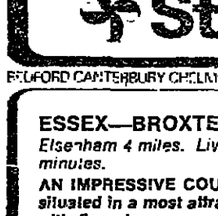
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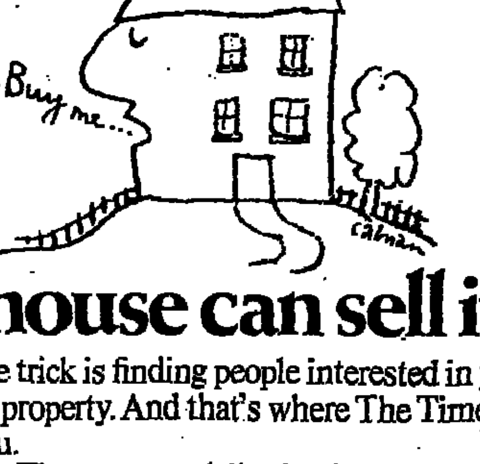
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THE TIMES

The Prentice affair: will Newham disgrace the whole Labour Party tonight?

Bryan Magee

Tonight is the night when the Newham North East constituency Labour Party decides whether to drop Mr Reg Prentice as its candidate in the next general election. It has every right to do so. It freely selected him in the first place, and at each subsequent election it faces the choice between reendorsing him or adopting another candidate. No other procedure would be compatible with party democracy. It would be absurd, and grossly undesirable, if an MP could claim his initial selection as endorsement for life.

But no one, so far as I know, is denying that the Newham party has this right. That is not the issue. The question is whether exercising the right would be fair and wise in the particular circumstances. I have a right to do all sorts of things which would seriously damage myself and other people if I did them—for instance spend all my money on drink, or sack without reason those who work for me. If I looked like exercising these rights my friends would, I hope, remonstrate with me severely. But if I were bent on implementing them no one would have the right to stop me.

All this applies to the situation in Newham. Those of us in the Labour Party who have been remonstrating with our fellow members in that constituency are in no way denying, or interfering with, their rights. What we are urging them to do is think again before taking a step that would damage not only them but the rest of us, too.

And we have the right to do that to express our views to them before they take their decision. If they are good colleagues they will at the very least listen to us.

Some of them do not want even to do that, though, on the ground that the matter is a purely private one, internal to their constituency party. That position cannot be sustained. Tonight's decision is already an object of national interest, and if Mr Reg Prentice is dropped the repercussions for the Labour Party will be national, too, and with a vengeance. This is the most important thing of all for my colleagues in Newham to realize when they take that decision tonight.

Some of them are saying that Mr Prentice is too right wing to be acceptable as a Labour MP at all. This is a puzzling thing to say of a man who for the last 18 months has been fighting like a tiger for comprehensive education, who resigned from the last Labour Government because it was giving too little aid to developing countries, and who when still a minister in that government refused publicly to go along with its support for the war in Vietnam. Such a charge—from people who joined the Labour Party last year against a man who has worked full time for it for most of 30 years—is really not worth five minutes' consideration.

The real objection to Mr Prentice is twofold. First, he insists that a Labour Government must uphold the rule of law against all pressure groups including trade unions. But that merely reiterates the manifesto on which all Labour MPs have been elected. Second, he declares with equal roundness that it would be wrong if the left wing of the Labour movement were allowed to dominate it since it represents only a small and untypical minority. And that is simply true, as was proved yet again, if any proof were still needed, by the referendum result.

On both these issues most Labour voters share Mr Reg Prentice's views, and very few those of the people who are trying to push him out.

And this brings us to the heart of the matter. If the Labour Party is to remain a part of government it must continue to represent the views and interests of many broad groups in society, and these must include the millions of Labour voters whose attitudes are roughly similar to those of Mr Reg Prentice. A Labour Party too narrow to do this would never win another general election—and therefore never again be in a position to change society. If tonight a Labour Cabinet Minister who is also a national figure is publicly dropped for no other reason than that he holds these views it will do the Labour Party damage which is bound to be serious and may be lasting.

Quite apart from this another issue of fundamental importance arises. The Labour Party has always been a coalition of the democratic left, with plenty of members on all points of the spectrum between the Communist Party and the Conservative Party. What unites it is a determination to reform existing society in a leftward direction and an exclusive commitment to democratic means of doing so.

In such a party there is bound to be continuous argument about aims and methods. This argument is positively a good thing, and when our opponents mock us for it the laugh is really on them. We can have the most splendid rows in public and still win elections. The laugh will turn against us, however, if one section in the party repudiates the coalition that is the present Labour Party and starts trying to eliminate groups or individuals who disagree with it.

This totalitarian behaviour strikes at the very foundation of a democratic socialist Labour Party that for generations has commanded the affection and loyalty of millions of the British people, and if successful it could only turn it into a hopelessly unrepresentative, and therefore permanently unsuccessful, sect, such as all other parties of the left in this country now are.

Mutual forbearance, a broad tolerance in debate, is not only right in itself but a pre-condition of the Labour Party's continuance as a mass party, and therefore as a party of government.

One final point. We socialists are quick to proclaim concern for individuals. By this token a man who has worked for our own movement all his adult life, in the course of which he has renounced high office—and the income that goes with it—on an issue of left wing principle, is not to be dropped at the height of his career without compelling cause.

And nine months after his second smashing victory in two closely spaced general elections is an eccentric and even more than savagely cruel time to drop him when no such cause exists.

In 18 years as an MP he has not once voted against the Labour Party on a three-line whip, and as a Minister he has fought for its policies and principles against more opposition and vilification than most of us ever have to face. It will disgrace us all if he is disowned by his constituency tonight.

The author is Labour MP for Waltham Forest, Leyton.

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Bernard Levin

Not so secret secrets

The most recent edition of the BBC television programme, *So You Think You Know Your Rights?*, touched on the lack of any legal right to privacy in British law, and made one claim which many people will find surprising and disturbing, to wit, that there is no legal way in which a citizen who has been, or is being, filmed by television cameras can prevent the broadcasting organization from showing him to the viewers.

That is as may be; but what I find much odder, and in a different way even more disturbing, is the willingness of so many people to appear on television, in the full knowledge that they are being seen by millions, saying and doing things which some of us—a small minority, it seems—would hesitate to say or do in the strictest confidence and most jealously-guarded privacy. And if you think I exaggerate, perpend.

A few years ago I participated, in my customary role as narrator and presenter, in a programme for ATV called *The Snooper Society*, which dealt with all the ways in which, by illegal or legal means, and in very many cases under statutory compulsion, private matters can become public or semi-public knowledge. The worst snooper of all, of course, is government, national and local, which demands to know, in one way or another, almost everything about us, promising in return only to keep the information confidential, and frequently breaking that promise. But in addition to the prying of government (much of it, of course, unnecessary) there are the innumerable public or commercial bodies which demand information from us for matters connected with employment, insurance, travel, money and dozens more areas of modern life. And there are also, of course, the newspapers and the broadcasting organizations, which do not have, or claim to have, any right to have their questions answered. Well, *The Snooper Society* which gave a deservedly rough time to government snoopers, insurance companies and private detectives (among others) was a television programme, so we thought it only right to put ourselves in the snoopers' position, as publicly as possible, and thus invite citizens to give us a rough time in our turn. There followed one of the most bizarre experiences of my life.

We decided to send out a television unit to stop passers-by at random and ask them a series of increasingly impertinent (in both senses of the word) questions, explaining first that we were proposing to show the results on television: the idea was to discover at what point we would be told to mind our own business. For topics we chose political conviction, money and sex, feeling that for most people those areas contained a fairly high proportion of questions they would refuse to answer. The questions were asked by Mr Huw Thomas, partly because he is an obviously friendly and trustworthy figure with whom the citizens we stopped would be at ease, and partly because I would have dropped dead in a cold sweat long before I got to the really difficult questions; if my recollection is correct, I lurked in a doorway.

From the way I have written so far, you may have guessed what is now coming; if, however, you can guess how far it went, you have a singularly low view of human nature. The fact is that we were unable to map the areas of privacy on which free citizens would insist when faced with people who had no right to encroach upon them, because we never came to the boundary; nobody jibbed at all.

When I say nobody jibbed at all, I do not mean that few people jibbed very much; I mean that *nobody* jibbed *at all*. We had made absolutely clear that we intended to show the questions and answers on television, and with that warning in their ears, a random but wide cross-section of our fellow-citizens proceeded to tell us, with the camera practically climbing up their left nostrils, how they voted, what they earned, whether they declared all they earned to the tax authorities (no, said several without hesitation, they did not); and what their sex-lives were like. Eventually, Huw simply ran out of such questions, unable to think of anything to ask which would be more offensive than what he had asked already without ever getting anything but an answer in return (I think we had even arranged for him to be physically protected, in case Vox Pop, justly indignant at such inquiries, should take a swing at him), and began instead to ask the respondents to say what questions, or even what sort of questions, they would refuse to answer; profound silence followed, as none of them could think of any such.

Please do not suppose that Mr Thomas here showed a lack of imagination. If you ask a middle-aged woman of the most obvious respectability whether she still sleeps with her husband, and she tells you she does not, and if you then ask her why this is, and she answers the question in the most intimate detail, Torquemada himself would be hard put to it to find any more questions to ask. (I may say, incidentally, that when the producers and Huw and I played back the film, we unanimously agreed that we would have to do what our subjects did not, namely display some degree of reticence; in the programme as it went out therefore, I stopped the film at the point of Huw's supplementary to the woman who had said that she no longer slept with her husband, and explained that although she had had no qualms about answering it for the viewers, we felt we ought not to allow her to do so.)

We finished the programme in a sombre frame of mind. After all, the point of it was the alerting of viewers to the many ways, some of them subtle, in which many private details of our lives can be discovered by people from whom we would wish to keep them secret. We naturally began with the assumption that people did want to keep their secrets secret, and were shaken to find that that assumption was apparently baseless. And if it is the ubiquitous and fishy eye of television that persuades people to tell things they would not otherwise tell, then I find that fact more disturbing still, rather than reassuring. For it implies a subconscious, or even conscious, psychic exhibitionism that can hardly be healthy. I still think we need a right to privacy in our law; but I fear that for many, if we get it, it will remain unexercised.

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In Chile today, what life is like under a state of siege

Ecclesiastical sources have denounced events which clearly harm human rights: people are taken from their homes at night and disappear without their families knowing where they have been taken, torture has been used during interrogations, lawyers defending those arrested state that when they apply to the Supreme Court for habeas corpus these have been denied. Of 2,000 habeas corpus requests since September, 1973, one only has been accepted by the court. To what do you attribute this situation?

There have been denunciations by the peace committee formed by Chile's main religious communities and in each case we have asked the corresponding criminal court to carry out the necessary investigation. In one case we ordered the Santiago Court of Appeals to name a special judge to investigate several disappearances. The investigation proved that many of the people included in the denunciation had left the country, and others had been freed. In the few cases where the investigations produced no results, the police said the individuals example of the fact that this is true, I can refer to the countless letters received by the Supreme Court from Amnesty International, requesting immediate freedom for those arrested, especially Messrs Guendelman Wisniak and Robotham Bravo. We were informed by the authorities that these men had not been arrested and we told their relatives in Chile.

Now, it so happens that it was reported from Buenos Aires last week that extremist elements had assassinated two members of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left, Messrs Guendelman Wisniak and Robotham Bravo. Were they martyrs tortured by the fascist junta, or were they extremists who were clandestinely in Argentina and met a tragic end?

An arrest under the state of siege cannot be claimed against by an habeas corpus because such an arrest is ordered directly by the President under the constitution which says:

"When a state of siege is declared only the President can order the transfer of persons from one department to another, or have persons arrested in their homes or in places which are not jails or others which might be destined to the detention or prison of common criminals."

In your opinion are human rights respected in Chile, and what is the role of the Supreme Court in this respect?

The Supreme Court, and also its president, on each occasion that they have had knowledge of a possible violation of human rights, have ordered the corresponding criminal investigation. There may have been a violation of such rights in certain cases, but they have been acts committed by junior military staff and which have been punished by the executive when proven. The judiciary, within its attributes, has tried to prevent such cases.

What is the position of the Supreme Court on military tribunals? Is the Supreme Court in Chile the highest court of justice?

In this country we have the ordinary judiciary, military justice in peacetime and military justice in wartime. This latter is in effect when the country is under a state of siege.

The Supreme Court, with the exception of its present president, has resolved that it has no jurisdiction over military tribunals in time of war, by virtue of article 74 of the code of military justice which has existed in Chile since 1925. The President on the other hand has maintained that the Supreme Court does have jurisdiction over military tribunals in time of war, and has based his opinion on article 85 of the constitution which confers correctional and disciplinary jurisdiction over all the tribunals in the country.

You have dedicated all your life to the administration of justice. How do you see the Chile of today?

In Chile today, the courts have acted with complete independence, and this has been utterly respected by the executive powers. The resolutions of the courts of law have been entirely complied with, and this was not the case during the Government of President Allende. When his government fell there were over 3,000 orders of arrest that had not been executed.

In Europe, people are preoccupied about the fate of Luis Corvalan (the secretary-general of the Chilean Communist Party), and the Government is accused of holding him prisoner for almost two years without charges. How do you see Luis Corvalan's legal situation, and that of the other former Allende ministers under arrest. How long can the Government continue to hold them without bringing them to justice?

I fully understand the preoccupation in Europe over Luis Corvalan. His arrest has its origins in the powers which the executive has in Chile and in all the other countries of Latin America to arrest a person by virtue of the faculties with which they are invested while a state of siege is in existence, and while such a state of siege continues anyone can be arrested and held. In fact I was told the other day by a United States congressman that when the American President declares his country in a state of emergency he can also arrest any citizen without

The Chilean Press has announced that a commission of "worthy men", one of whose members would be a Minister of the Supreme Court, would be set up to investigate the situation of human rights in Chile, the task that was to be carried out by a commission from the United Nations who were not allowed to enter the country. Is this true, and what is your opinion in this respect?

There has been no official announcement on this matter. It is a decision to be taken by the President, and if the Supreme Court were to be asked to provide a member of the commission, this would have to be decided at an assembly of all its members.

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The Supreme Court of Chile is the highest court of justice in the country. It consists of 13 ministers including a president. Nevertheless, its functions have recently been restricted by the state of siege which has been in effect since the military junta took over in September, 1973.

Parliament was closed down and the junta took over all legislative powers and the executive was left in the hands of General Pinochet. Justice is administered by military tribunals acting as in time of war, and the Supreme Court has resolved that it has no jurisdiction over these, neither does it interfere in the sentences applied by these tribunals.

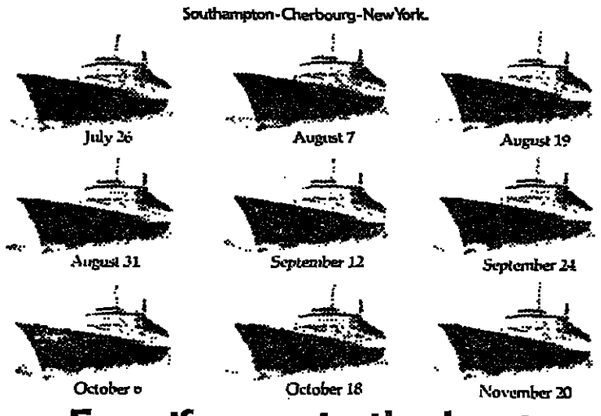
The state of siege which is renewed every six months, means that anyone can be arrested without charge and kept in "preventive imprisonment". As long as they are not held in common criminal jails the Supreme Court can only intervene if this particular aspect is not complied with, and can order that the prisoner be transferred to another place, but they cannot order that such a person be set free.

Under the state of siege justice is ultimately in the hands only of the President of the Republic or the Home Secretary.

Here, in an exclusive interview, Florencia Varas speaks to the recently-elected President of the Chilean Supreme Court, Mr Jose Maria Eyzaguirre.

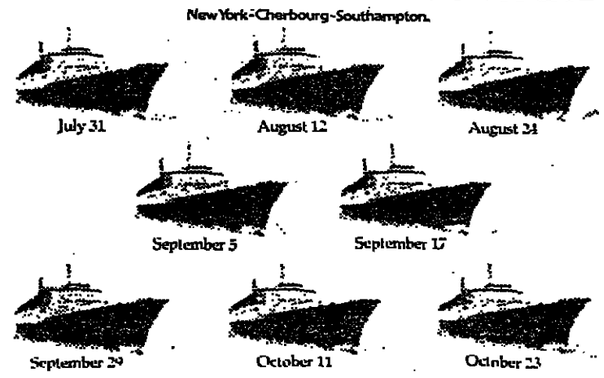
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The Times Diary

Tomorrow, just you wait and see

I have never seen more old troupers gathered in one place. As Max Bygraves said perceptively: "If a bomb were to fall on the Savoy, Eamonn Andrews wouldn't have a programme next week".

It is a nice point whether Harold Wilson is an older trouper than Dame Vera Lynn, but both were there, he to pay deserved tribute to her. The occasion was a lunch given by the Variety Club to celebrate Miss Lynn's damehood, and a highly emotional time was had by all.

Wilson did not stay for lunch, but dropped in for drinks beforehand. He pleaded urgent state business.

The Premier stayed long enough to have his photograph taken with our heroine, but said little except "Campari and soda please"—a message which was passed along the line of admirers surrounding him until the scarlet liquid was safely delivered. But to show his goodwill he left behind his wife Mary and his secretary, Lady Falkender, who had a jovial lunch seated between Harry Secombe and Alfred Marks.

The Labour establishment was further represented by Lord Goodman (Harry Secombe made a joke about how fat he was) and Marjorie Proops of the *Daily Mirror*, surely soon due herself for one of the IPC peerages. I saw no Conservative politicians, unless you count Jeremy Thorpe (whatever did happen to the Liberals?) who had to leave early to ask a question of Wilson in the Commons.

Lord Mountbatten could not attend because he was indulging in his own brand of nostalgia—giving lunch to the former King of Italy. But he sent a trenchant letter saying: "I am sure we shall win through again if only we can get an upsurge of that great Burma spirit of patriotism and determination."

Indeed, the wartime spirit pervaded the occasion. A man at my table said that if you ignored events outside, it was possible to imagine that time had gone back 30 years—to that optimistic period between VE and VJ days. And on the tables were records, with Union Jacks on the sleeve, of Miss Lynn singing *Land of Hope and Glory*.

Dame Vera made a lovely speech and then sang *Wishing*, *The White Cliffs of Dover* and *We'll Meet Again*. Lady Falkender wept, Lords Goodman and George-Brown wept, Eric Morecambe wept, Michael Barrett wept, Marje Proops and Mary Wilson wept, the man from the *Daily Telegraph* wept and I wept copiously.

At about that exact time, Thorpe was back in the Commons asking Mary Wilson's husband about the country's future. I have not read his answer yet but what it should have been was: "There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover tomorrow, just you wait and see."

Felicitous misprint in the programme for Dame Vera's lunch. The Variety Club, it announces, numbers among its members "associates of the Grand Order of Water Rates".

Concern

Peter Walker, who was a financial whizzkid long before he was a Conservative minister, was launching a new share in the City yesterday. The flotation of the company, called Westindian Concern Ltd, was unusual in that it took place in the Guild Church of St Mary Woolnoth and started and ended with short prayers.

Walker's part in it was to read through a prepared dialogue with one of the board members, Ashton Gibson, a Barbadian who was until recently running hostels for homeless black youths in Lambeth. Walker asked the questions and Gibson gave prepared answers which outlined Westindian Concern's plans to raise £100,000 to start a money-making business which will help West Indians in this country. One of the first goals will be to open a centre "where the promotion of money-making cultural activities will be carried out".

St Mary Woolnoth was chosen because it was an important meeting place for abolitionists in the campaigns against slavery. Invitations went to 200 people with senior positions in companies whose origins go back to the slave trade, but even the lustre of Walker's name proved insufficient to attract them. Five pound shares are still available in large numbers, because the issue is as yet undersubscribed, but already the directors have their eyes on a disused cinema in Hackney for their first investment.

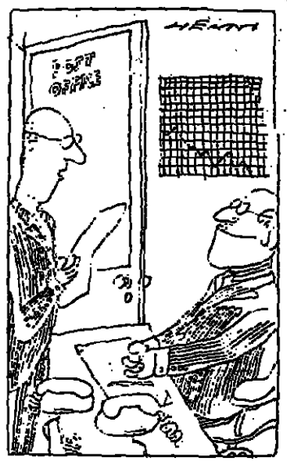
Noisy

After yesterday's foray into the steel band belt of Brixton, today's music lesson concerns the thumb piano, African xylophone, and Ugandan female drum. Basil Wanzira, the Ugandan drummer and dancer, is in residence at the Commonwealth Institute in Kensington for two weeks to demonstrate these and other curious African instruments to children who enjoy making a very loud noise.

Yesterday Wanzira, sweat pouring from his brow, was trying to make an orchestra out of an enthusiastic but rhythmically untutored school party. After three rehearsals they were considered good enough for him to perform a West Ugandan courting dance to the enthusiastic clapping of all bystanders except a uniformed attendant, who gazed impassively down from the gallery.

Wanzira, who has spent the past three years in Britain at the London School of Contemporary Dance, plans to return home soon, hopefully to dance and teach with Uganda's national dance company, Heartbeat of Africa.

"Most African dances are based on sex", he explained. So, it appears, are the drums, which according to whether they have straight or bowed sides are either male or female. His exhibition dance was part of a courting ceremony, a peacock display aimed at attracting the attentions of the biggest unattached girl in the village. Wanzira wonders why British women waste so much time slimming.



"If people keep writing to The Times *complaining about us, we'll make a profit."*

High costa

P. H. Simpligessverk, my travel correspondent, reports from Palma, Majorca:

British newspaper reporters were up in arms here today, complaining of overbooking by hotels and overcharging by holidaymakers during their annual visit to report the chaos at Spanish holiday resorts. The National Union of Journalists is being urged to send a team to investigate the scandal.

It has become a custom during July for reporters and photographers from most newspapers to travel to Spain and report the complaints of holidaymakers about overcharging, overcrowding and holiday firms going bankrupt. Some reporters make the bookings well in advance.

But this year they have found that hotels have been overbooking. "They said I would have to share with the man from *The Sun*", one disgruntled reporter told me. "And we know what that can mean." said another. "I had to share with two bullfighters. Nice enough chaps, but the bull in the bathroom made a terrible noise and I couldn't concentrate on filing our expenses."

For professional reasons reporters of overseas assignments are required to stay at the most expensive hotels. However, some have found their usual rooms taken by holidaymakers transferred from overbooked cheap establishments. "I had to go down to three-star level", complained one. "The room was lacking many of the extras I need for my work—like a balcony, so view and a phone in the bathroom. There was hardly room to swing a cliché."

And this year's prices have rocked many. "When I first came here in the good old days when tour firms were going bust by the dozen", said one veteran, "you could get paella, a bottle of rioja, a cup of tea and a night out at Tasco and still have change from 100 pesetas. Nowadays you order a bottle of champagne to entertain contacts and they will only sell you the whole case and they make a mark-up of 400 per cent.

"Not only that, but bars now will only give you receipts for amounts you have actually paid. And holidaymakers used to talk to you about the price of a glass of beer. Nowadays they charge £10 for a quote, £25 for a comment, an extra tenner if they use a swear word and 50 pesetas smackers for organizing a fellow holidaymakers into a protest group. How's a chap to live?"

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THE NEWHAM SCAFFOLD

Two quite separate issues are intertwined in Mr Prentice's battle to remain MP for Newham North-East. The first concerns the rights of an MP and his constituency association. The second relates to the struggle for power being waged with increasing bitterness between the different wings of the Labour Party. No MP can claim a right to be renominated by his constituency association under all circumstances for as long as he wishes. That would mean in many constituencies that once selected a person would have a seat in Parliament for life, no matter how badly he performed his duties. But while a constituency association has the right to withdraw support from a sitting Member it becomes a travesty of democracy if that right is exercised by a small, unrepresentative clique who have taken over the commanding heights of local political power.

For any constituency association to disown its MP is a solemn decision because he has to, and ought to, respond to conflicting pressures and sometimes contradictory obligations. The British political system can function effectively only if there is a measure of tolerance for the individual politician. That applies with special force in the case of a Cabinet Minister who has been faithfully implementing party policy—to the extreme discomfiture of his opponents in Mr Prentice's case while he was Secretary for Education. The dropping of such a Member could be justified only if there was evidence of deep dissatisfaction with him over a period of time among party supporters throughout the constituency.

There is no evidence that such circumstances are to be found in Newham. On the contrary, all the signs point to a political coup organized by a small group of relative newcomers. Mr Prentice may fairly be criticized for not having a sufficiently alert eye to the dangers of conspiracy, but in that he seems to have been well in line with most Labour supporters in Newham. If he were to be ousted now, as a result of tonight's meeting, it would be a double blow to the Labour Party. It would be a defeat for the principle of local party democracy because there has been no indication that the broad body of Labour supporters in Newham have shown their disapproval of him or even been consulted by those who wish to get rid of him. And it would provide the extreme left with a prized victim in their battle for control of the party.

Mr Prentice has not always been the most subtle protagonist of the right in that battle, but he has waged it honourably and fearlessly. He has spoken his mind on the great issues of the day with a frankness that has been refreshing. If a man like him cannot keep his place in Parliament other Labour politicians can be expected to draw their conclusions. Some will no doubt redouble their efforts to make sure that power is not ceded to extreme left-wingers whose purposes are far removed from the sentiments of most Labour supporters. Other MPs will merely tremble. Folk myths grow up quickly in politics and it could so easily become the conventional wisdom, on quite inadequate evidence, that any Labour politician who really stood up to the left was in danger of losing his seat. It is no doubt because they appreciate that this decision has a symbolic as well as an immediate, practical importance that the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet and Parliamentary Party have rallied to Mr Prentice's support. They know that more is at stake than the political future of one man.

WHY DÉTENTE IS NOT BETRAYAL

Mr Solzhenitsyn has now accused President Ford of betraying eastern Europe by planning to attend the East-West summit conference in Helsinki next week. It is easy to sympathize with his moral concern for the peoples and nations under Soviet domination. It is less easy to see how they could be helped by the political attitudes which he appears to recommend. Short of embarking on a war of liberation, which would merely liberate a lot of people from life itself, there is no obvious alternative to the sort of patient diplomatic bridge-building of which the Helsinki conference is a part.

Mr Solzhenitsyn's objection to the conference is that it allegedly endorses the present boundaries of the Soviet empire. It does not. The documents to be signed are not treaties and have no juridical force whatever; they are declarations of principles and intent which are supposed to guide the conduct of the signatories. Even as principles they do not endorse spheres of influence or types of government. They endorse national sovereignty. They say, for instance, that frontiers should not be changed by force. This probably leaves the Baltic states within the Soviet Union (had anybody plans for rescuing them?), but it does not exclude changes of government or even peaceful changes of frontiers among the states of Europe.

The documents are far from perfect. They are full of loopholes and compromises after two years of negotiation. But they do, on the whole, demand greater changes of conduct from the Soviet Union than from the Western countries. Apart from endorsing sovereignty (Czechoslovakia?) and the non-use of force (Hungary and Czechoslovakia?) they contain a series of pledges relating to human contacts and the freer flow of information. If these principles are observed the situation in Europe will improve. If they are not observed they can scarcely contribute to making the situation worse except, perhaps, by becoming bones of contention, and even then there is no reason why the West should lose all the arguments.

Solzhenitsyn stands for the absolute view that totalitarian communism is evil, and should be totally opposed at all times. International statesmanship is concerned with consequences—how can communism best be contained and if possible humanized? The danger is that statesmen should lose sight of the moral reality. Dr Kissinger appears to have done so when he foolishly advised President Ford not to see Mr Solzhenitsyn. Apparently Dr Kissinger was worried about annoying the Russians. But could there be a more demeaning situation than the President of the United States being persuaded that he must not receive a famous writer, with whose political views he happens to disagree, merely because those over-sensitive men in the Kremlin would be irritated?

This is not détente but surrender. Détente does not demand that the American President creep around on tiptoe trying not to annoy the Russians. It demands that he seek rational ways of accommodating conflicting interests and seeking areas of practical adjustment. The right thing to have done would have been to invite Mr Solzhenitsyn to the White House and say openly that he respected him as a writer and fighter for human rights, but could not take his advice on the conduct of politics. This would have earned him the respect of many people, including possibly even Mr Solzhenitsyn himself. As it was he initially accepted restrictions on his freedom of action which made him less convincing as a champion of freedom for others. By the time he woke up it was too late to repair the damage.

ARCHAISM IN THE WAY

In 1818 the Hose of Commons resolved that an party to a law suit who wishs to cite in evidence th record of proceedings of the Hese must petition for direct ion from the House for its appropriate officer to prove the doment in evidence before the cort. A hundred and fifty-seven ears later that resolution h brought the House of Commo to the brink of impeding e administration of justice.

In preping the case which he is n pleading for an injunction in the matter of the Crossmardiaries the Attorney General roposed to refer to what haseen said in Parliament about tl doctrine of collective cabinet sponsibility by several authorits from Fox and Gladste to the present Prime Minist He accordingly petitionedhe House to give leave o th editor of *Hansard* or whoev to attend the court and ormay prove the reports. The petitil was introduced last 'rid without notice, which is i aordance with precedent.

Mnbers who have been st about the injunction, but rd from raising it by the well sined sub-judice rule in the Commons, saw their chance. Some of them objected, got in a few swipes at the Attorney General, complained of the absence of notice, and persuaded the Law Officer not to proceed there and then. The petition was brought up again as last business late on Monday night. This time after more objections had been raised there was a division in which twenty-five members voted to grant the petition and three not to. But the vote was ineffective for lack of a quorum. So the case opened yesterday before the Lord Chief Justice without the Attorney General having leave to introduce that part of his evidence. The deprivation or inconvenience may not in this instance be of serious consequence. Even so, it is no light matter for the Commons to deny to a party to litigation access to documents which he thinks relevant to his case and which the court should have the opportunity of considering.

The 1818 resolution conforms to Article 9 of the Bill of Rights, one of our fragments of written constitution. "... proceedings in Parliament ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament." For the courts even to take note of them the express leave of the House is required This jealous assertion of the privileges of the Commons stirs the memory of battle long ago. There was force and point in it when the House of Commons was fighting a series of engagements to repel encroachment on its prerogatives by the King's courts. But that period is long since over. At the same time the written record of the proceedings of Parliament has been formalized and made accurate: the risk of partisan or disputable evidence of parliamentary proceedings has been removed.

Hansard, the reports of committees of the House, their minutes of evidence, and other periodical records, need and deserve a status before the courts no different from that belonging to other established public records. The antiquarian flavour of the procedure which the Commons goes through to authorize the production of this type of evidence would be harmless enough and could be enjoyed in good conscience so long as it did not get in the way of the administration of justice. It can now be seen to be capable of just that. It ought to be abandoned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Home Secretary and penal reform

From Lord Longford

Sir, Listening to the Home Secretary's sympathetic address on Penal Reform on Monday, one could not help recalling what was once said of Mr Asquith, about whom he wrote such an excellent biography: "His mind and style of expression were so lucid that, if he had a weak case, he revealed its full weakness."

No one doubts that the present Home Secretary agrees with penal reformers in general that the top priority of today is to reduce the numbers in prison. He said the same last year, but as he himself pointed out—with the increase in crime the opposite has occurred in the meanwhile.

What one is left reflecting on after his address is his apparent helplessness, according to his interpretation of his office, to do much to remedy the situation. In all discussions of penal prevention and treatment, it is usually assumed that the Home Secretary, if he can carry with him his Cabinet colleagues, can take the steps which he considers necessary.

Now at last we are made aware that the numbers in prison depend primarily on factors outside his control. In the first place of course on the level of crime, but after that on the decisions taken by the courts at various levels. The police also, we are told, possess a wide discretion, and the Parole Board are an independent body.

The Home Secretary indicated that in all these cases, particularly the first and the third, he would hope to exercise a beneficial influence. But to one listener at least he seemed extraordinarily fearful of the kind of drastic initiative which the situation requires. He might do worse than look back at what was done to diminish the prison population by Sir Winston Churchill when Home Secretary sixty-five years ago.

My purpose in writing is not to criticize the present Home Secretary, but to focus public opinion on the question of how to reduce the prison population under our present constitutional restrictions, real or alleged.

Yours sincerely,
LONGFORD.
House of Lords.
July 22.

Arabs and Jerusalem

From Dr S. Levenberg

Sir, I agree with Mr Ma'an Abu Nowar (July 13), the Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, that distortion of historical facts calls for correction. I am therefore, surprised that he used a quotation from Dr Theodor Herzl's speeches which is a product of his own imagination.

Herzl's address at the First Zionist Congress (1897). But he did make the following reference to the Holy City in his private diary on October 31st, 1898—written during his visit to Palestine:

"... If Jerusalem is ever ours, and if I were still able to do anything about it, I would begin by cleaning it up.

"I would clear out everything that is not sacred, set up workers' houses beyond the city, empty and tear down the filthy rat-holes, burn all the non-sacred ruins, and put the bazaars elsewhere. Then, retaining as much of the old architectural style as possible, I would build an airy, comfortable, properly sewered, brand new city around the Holy Places." ... ("The Diaries of Theodor Herzl", Victor Gollancz, London 1958, p 284).

At the turn of the century when these words were written Jews were the large majority of Jerusalem (28,200 from the total of 45,000; the rest were 8,760 Christians and 8,600 Moslems).

The distortion of Herzl's views is deplorable because he was a man who had great respect for the Holy Places of all religions and firmly believed in close cooperation between Jews and Arabs as indicated in his famous novel *Alt-Neu Land* (1902).

Yours, etc,
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4 Regent Street, SW1.

Children's rights

From Mr Gerald Godfrey, QC

Sir, Michael King's extremely interesting article (July 18) about children's welfare and protection has, on two points, gone dangerously wrong. First, Mr King commends the Finer Report's recommendaitons for a family court; yet at the heart of his argument he condemns as a "monster" what he calls "the adversary-investigational" procedure for the hearing of family cases. This is inconsistent. Finer expressly pointed out that the adversary and inquistorial forms of procedure are not mutually exclusive (para 4.405). Surely, as Finer envisaged, a family court *should* use the best of both systems. A hybrid is not necessarily a "monster".

Secondly (and even more important) Mr King condemns the idea of separate representation for children in cases concerning their welfare and protection. Nowhere does he recognize or acknowledge the vital facts (1) that a child is a person whose interests are his own and for whom the right to representation is a fundamental human right even more necessary for a child than an adult; (2) that if we are to have a family court, the "impartial judicial institution" contemplated by Finer (para. 4.283), a court it will be; and lawyers (accepting fully Mr King's points as to their training and experience) it will need.

Children have rights and need properly trained lawyers to protect them. It is Mr King who has failed to appreciate this vital question: not, as he suggests, Dr David Owen and the House of Lords.

Yours, etc,
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Economists—theory and practice

From Professor Deane Carson

Sir, In urging governments to accept the inevitability of permanent incomes policies, your correspondent John Kenneth Galbraith of Harvard (July 16) has made some rather unkind and unsupportable allegations about the economics profession to which he acributes, quite correcdly, a predominant distaste for wage and price controls. This aversion, he charges, seems from the failure of economists to deal with the world as it really is to... absence of research into the workings of incomes policy, while both of these tendencies lead to an absence of responsible professional guidance to the policy-makers. These serious charges must not be allowed to stand without comment.

Professor Galbraith's aversion to market place economics and his implicit faith in controls has apparently resulted in his own failure to review a large and growing body of empirical research on both the causes of inflation and the efficacy of incomes policies, a literature which overwhelmingly rejects his notions of economic reality. These studies refute not only Professor Galbraith's view that inflation is caused by monopolistic unions and industries but also the belief that price and wage controls can effectively contain inflation. Thus, if Professor Galbraith wishes us to accept the inevitability of an ineffective policy which is based upon an insupportable hypothesis, that is one thing; it is quite another to convey the impression that professional economists have failed in their responsibility to conduct research into these crucial matters.

The intellectual bankruptcy of economists which he asserts, their commitment to obsolescence, must be evaluated in light of the fact that neither he nor his small body of disciples has presented the profession with empirical evidence to support the now obsolescent view of inflation as a cost-push phenomenon.

It is not without irony, then, that Professor Galbraith should castigate a large segment of the economics profession for living in the proverbial ivory tower. So far from ignoring the real world as he suggests, we know rather more about how it operates than his theories allow him to admit with comfort. His allegation that mainstream economists have "a profound vested interest, both pecuniary and intellectual, in the existing instruction and research" is what is referred to in professional football circles as a "cheap shot", which can only be returned with an equal lack of dignity.

Yours faithfully,
DEANE CARSON,
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As from: Grantchester,
Cambridge.

East-West détente

From Lord Brockway

Sir, All who desire Europe and the world to move towards peace will welcome the extensive agreements reached at Geneva which have made possible the Heads of State Conference at Helsinki on July 31.

If implemented, the recommendations for West-East coordination in political decisions, military manoeuvres, trade, energy, transport, anti-pollution, and freer exchange of peoples, knowledge and ideas would expand peaceful coexistence to positive cooperation and virtually rule out war, encouraging conclusions to the Vienna discussions on mutual military reductions.

We may be disappointed that a greater extension of freedom of movement and ideas has not been recommended, but those of us who have worked in this field appreciate the concessions for the reunification of families, intermarriage, the exchange of newspapers, facilities for journalists, and human rights for minorities.

The value of the recommendations will depend entirely upon their application. In this respect the recommendations are disappointing. They propose a conference of experts in 1977 to consider implementation and to recommend further objectives. There will be a great danger of two years' vacuum of inaction unless some mechanism of stimulation is created meanwhile.

There is a vague proposal that the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe should smooth East-West trade. Would it not be possible to give it wider powers to supervise and positively to encourage the implementation of recommendations by the establishment of bilateral and multinational working parties to apply in detail the comprehensive decisions on economic cooperation?

This might be accompanied by the setting up of an All European Human Rights Commission for early discussion on how the relevant recommendations can be activized and to serve as a Court of Appeal when charges are made of their infringement.

If these instruments were supplemented by (1) meetings as necessary of a Coucil of Ministers to consider political developments and the observance of the recommendations of Basket I (including notification of military manoeuvres and (2) annual Summit Conferences to review progress and to propose further cooperation—then decisive steps would be taken to transform détente into entente and to ensure peace for the generations to come.

Sincerely yours,
BROCKWAY,
House of Lords.
July 21.

MPs and constituencies

From Mr Patrick Lort-Phillips

Sir, There will be widespread sympathy for Mr Reg Prentice if, on Wednesday, he is disowned by his own constituency Labour Party.

But sympathy must not obscure the fundamental issues involved. It is not good enough to interpret the events in Newham as simply a clash of personalities or a sinister conspiracy. What is at issue is the structure of British politics, and in particular the fate of the two-party system.

The two-party system—a government party and an opposition party—has many advantages, but it can only function satisfactorily if the two parties involved are sufficiently broadly based to accommodate the widest possible range of political opinions. Both parties must be pragmatic and not doctrinaire. This was the case in Britain until 1924, when Liberals and Conservatives provided the alternatives. The replacement of the Liberals by the Labour Party as one of the alternatives need not in theory have damaged the system irretrievably: and it is arguable that until recently it did not in fact do so.

But the increasing influence of the Marxists within the Labour Party has altered the whole situation. The Marxists are ideologists not pragmatists. They cannot be blamed for their convictions; but the fact remains that a Marxist party cannot ever be a "loyal opposition" in a two-party parliament, because they are not "loyal" to the system. They want to overthrow it. Those members of the Labour Party who do not want to overthrow the system, but rather want to reform it and make it work better, are therefore placed in an impossibly equivocal position. Men like Dick Taverne and Christopher Mayhew, and now possibly Reg Prentice, have shown that such an equivocal position is unbearable.

The Liberal Party has in recent years shown that it is still sufficiently broadly based and radical to resume its old position of being the rational alternative to the Conservative Party. Any Social Democrat would find himself perfectly at home in the Liberal Party today. And indeed many of them are already at home.

During my 30 years in the Liberal Party I have consistently advocated the merits of the two party system. I still believe that it is a desirable goal. But if the Social Democrats of the Labour Party still persist in maintaining a phoney alliance with the Marxists, then this goal becomes impossible, and the two-party system is doomed.

There must then arise a third force in British politics, to be given its proper place in the system by proportional representation, and future governments must be maintained in office by a coalition of parties, such as prevail in most other democracies. The decision, one way or another, now rests with the Social Democrats. They must decide whether they are democrats first. The case of Reg Prentice must stimulate them to make up their minds whether they want to preserve the existing system or destroy it. They can no longer have it both ways.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK LORT-PHILLIPS,
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Dumfries.
July 20.

Admiralty charts

From Dr E. J. W. Jones

Sir, Your defence correspondent's article on the future of the Royal Navy's Hydrographic Department (14 July) has served to highlight the concern felt by many of us who are engaged in scientific work at sea. Accurate bathymetric charts are essential for understanding a wide range of oceanographic phenomena, from submarine earthquakes to the movement of abyssal currents in potential dumping grounds for toxic wastes. They are particularly important for assessing the mineral resources of the sea bed and, on numerous occasions, have focused the attention of geologists upon areas worthy of detailed investigation.

Many of the Admiralty charts currently available are based on only a few soundings from surveys conducted several decades ago. It is not generally appreciated just how misleading they can be. An error on one encompassing Scottish waters was made dramatically clear to me earlier this month while carrying out a geological study aboard RRS John Murray. On July 6 we began sampling the sea bed between St Kilda and North Harris at a spot where, according to the charts, the water is 30 metres deep. We therefore viewed with some trepidation the trace of our echo-sounder when it began to show the sea floor shoaling to depths less than 10 metres, leaving little water beneath our keel. Just as surprising was the passage of several large bulk carriers close to our vessel during the period of the survey.

We left the region wondering how many of these hazardous shoals remain undetected along the shipping routes off Western Britain. The prospect of large-scale pollution of our beaches and fishing areas caused by vessels running aground will always be with us but at least the risks should be minimized by providing navigating officers with charts based on modern surveys. Bringing the existing charts up-to-date is a substantial and expensive task which can only be undertaken satisfactorily by the Navy. To reduce its facility for making detailed bathymetric and geophysical maps at a time when they are badly needed may well prove to be a false economy of a disastrous kind.

Yours faithfully,
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Solzhenitsyn and America

From Mr David Giles

Sir, Bernard Levin has today missed the point (July 17).

What makes the Georgetown Radicals choke on their Cold Duck and Bluepoints is not that Solzhenitsyn said anything bad about Russia—but that he said something good about America.

Yours faithfully,
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Situation in India

From Mr R. K. Karanjia

Sir, May I be permitted to express my amusement at the "news" fiction frontpaged in your issue of July 19 under the headline "Mrs Gandhi faces civil disobedience campaign"?)

While it is very exciting for an Indian journalist-visitor here to learn of the emergence in India of "an underground resistance movement with widespread ramifications and a carefully prepared plan to destroy the Gandhi dictatorship", I fail to notice in the story that follows any hard material to support the "resistance" or its "ramifications". On the contrary, the report is full of bewildering contradictions which reduce it to absurdity.

These contradictions were inescapable in a self-contradictory "underground cell of Marxists and liberal democrats" for the simple reason that Marxists hold Westminster democracy in derisive contempt. Yet we read in the story that the purpose of the "resistance" is to "restore democracy in India". Imagine Marxists supporting democracy, or giving a call against "ideological quibbling", or swearing their faith by "pluralist political institutions".

The operative programme of the "carefully prepared and planned resistance" is even more ridiculous. If "distribution of underground literature and posters, whispering campaigns, organization of strikes, the use of radio stations and measures to paralyse the government by every possible legitimate (?!) means" can pull down the horribly fascist regime of Mrs Gandhi backed by the wicked might of the Soviet Government, then the Hitlers and Mussolinis would have perished long ere they set the world on fire.

The manifesto of the "resistance" has so many revolutionary jewels, like "few things hurt a dictatorship more than whispering campaigns" and "strikes and demonstrations can be organized under one pretext or the other", that one really wonders if some wag hasn't played a joke on your "special correspondent". The "total revolution" supposed to have been previously organized by Mr Jayaprakash Narayan and the same group of discredited old politicians died without a bang following their mass arrests. All it produced was less than a whimper of a protest; and it now seems that the *whimper* is to be replaced by the *whisper* in the "total resistance" to force that monster of fascism, Indira Gandhi, to step down.

One would have treated the whole piece as a political joke but for the running motif of an "Indian fascist-Russian axis" behind it. This and like clues invite the conclusion that the rascally CIA and its familiar dagger of the Socialist Incernational might have some interest in the fabrication of such fiction.

However that may be, *The Times* and its Delhi correspondent, Peter Hazelhurst, deserve all credit and honour for truthfully reporting on the previous day (July 18) that "Mrs Gandhi has succeeded in curbing prices, curbing corruption and making civil servants prompt." That is the gut case and argument, if I might call it so, for the emergency.

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July 20.

Preserving public records

From Professor D. C. Watt

Sir, I write in connexion with the article by Mr Peter Hennessy of your staff on the work of the official Services (Accommodation and Records) Branch of the Ministry of Defence (July 12). In several places this article conveys the impression that the staff of this branch told Mr Hennessy that part of their work as so-called "weeders" involved the destruction of important politically "sensitive" material.

The two Public Records Acts (of 1958 and 1967) are quite explicit about the procedures to be followed in relation to such material. In no case may it be destroyed; that fate is only reserved for totally unimportant material. "Sensitive" material so-called may be reserved for periods of 40, 50, 75, 100 years or even longer with the consent of the Advisory Council on Public Records, a body of distinguished senior historians. Mr Hennessy's article tends to suggest that those whose work he describes are acting quite *ultra vires*, and in a manner which would make British procedures for the preservation of public records a by-word and a thing of contempt among historians the world over.

In view of the imminence of the XIV International Congress of the Historical Sciences, British historians are entitled to ask of those responsible for Britain's public records that the most immediate, explicit and public of assurances are given that the procedures laid down by Parliament are being followed and that nothing is being destroyed by virtue of its political sensitivity, and that if any breach of these procedures has occurred it will cease forthwith.

Yours sincerely,
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Censorship in Spain

From Mr Alan Grounds

Sir, I fear that many of your readers have been puzzled by the ment in your article of June 17, the present Spanish Ambassa- was responsible, when Minister nformacion and Tourism, for e introduction of the press law lishing censorship in Spain". In the Spanish review *Mundo ial* recently published a list of en publications seized *during the nth of April*, while proprietors, tors and journalists continue to fined (up to £8,000) and/or risoned. So censorship thrives as 40th year approaches.

s with some other law reforms ce the civil war, the effect of 1966 press law belied the eralizing intention claimed for it. did indeed end *pre*-censorship permits publications to reach news stand uncensored. But ld any matter offend the ill- ed criteria of the government rs then the whole issue is '. Not surprisingly many of s less quixotic journalists red the old way.

fact is that in 1966 only one dual could have abolished rship: Generalissimo Franco. w law inspired by a minister passed by parliament is still interpreted and applied according to the wishes of the regime—although even this is an oversimplification. Many Spaniards believe that Señor Fraga achieved as much as anyone could in the circumstances: his press law at least made *non-censorship legal*—quite a landmark considering that the Public Order Court has never stopped handing down sentences of up to six years for "illegal propaganda". This includes publishing—or merely possessing—any offending material, from a leaflet to a novel.

For 13 years Amnesty International's volunteers have worked to help the hundreds of Spaniards (and their dependants) who have suffered because of censorship. As a result we know that, although not the worst example of repression in Spain of course, it has caused suffering, frustration and bitterness far out of proportion to any "benefit" the regime might have hoped for in terms of law and order.

As it happens a new clamp-down was announced by Prime Minister Arias some weeks ago—and tension, violence and of course arrests have all increased dramatically since....

Yours faithfully,
ALAN GROUNDS, Co-ordinator,
Spain Amnesty International,
55 Theobald's Road, WC1.

Local government spending

From Sir Meredith Whittaker

Sir, You report the Chairman of British Rail, addressing the National Union of Railwaymen's Conference in Jersey, as accusing some local authorities of "spending money as if they were playing Monopoly with a time limit on the game". Neither your report, nor any other that I have seen, includes any supporting evidence for this accusation.

Monopoly, as I recall, is a game in which one buys large slices of Mayfair, Belgravia and similar districts, with paper money printed for the purpose, which makes one wonder whether Mr Marsh had in mind the Community Land Bill, but this is not yet on the Statute Book. So what is he talking about?

Local government, like British Rail, is a frequent target for indiscriminate and unsubstantiated knocking. In this case it seems fair to ask Mr Marsh either to support his charge with evidence or to withdraw it.

Yours faithfully,
MEREDITH WHITTAKER,
Chairman of the Executive Council,
Association of County Councils,
Eaton House,
66A Eaton Square, SW1.
July 18.

Left-handed

From Mr Peter MacKarell

Sir, The letter from Mr Marshall (July 17) is simply an illustration of the fact that one must remember Australia is below the Equator and therefore upside down and back to front. It simply appears that more Australians are left-handed. They are of course normal but reversed.

If English cricket captains would grasp this simple fact we would not lose so many test matches.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MACKARELL,
Warmington Tower,
Lewisham Way, SE14.
July 17.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 22: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Her Majesty, with The Prince Edward, was present this afternoon at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Air Vice-Marshal Brian Stanbridge, Major Robin Broke and Captain Robert Cazenove were in attendance.

The Lord Maclean (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of The Queen and presented Addresses from the House of Lords to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Right Hon Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Builth Road Railway Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Powys (Colonel John Corbett-Winder).

His Royal Highness drove to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Show Ground, was received by the President, Royal Welsh Agricultural Society (Sir Julian Hodge) and declared the Show open.

The Duke of Edinburgh was entertained at luncheon in the Council Pavilion, and later left in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Major Henry Hugh Smith was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, as Colonel, Grenadier Guards, this afternoon visited the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards on Salisbury Plain.

The Duke of Edinburgh was received upon arrival at Knook Camp by the Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel (Colonel N. Hales Packenham Mahon).

Major Henry Hugh Smith and Captain Charles Fenwick were in attendance.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE

July 22: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited Cambridge, and honoured the Master of Trinity College (the Lord Butler of Saffron Walden) with her presence at luncheon.

In the afternoon Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother opened the extension to the Fitzwilliam Museum and also the Exhibition of Cambridge Plate.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Lady Elizabeth Basset and Captain Alastair Aird were in attendance.

The Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded the Hon Mrs John Mulholland as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 22: The Duke of Gloucester opened Letchworth Town Centre this morning and was later entertained to lunch by the Chairman and Members of the Board of Letchworth Garden City Corporation at the Broadway Hotel, Letchworth.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

July 22: The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief, today visited the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers at Hythe.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present this evening at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

Captain Peter Le Marchand was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

July 22: Princess Alexandra was present at the "Newsboy of the Year" Presentation Dinner held this evening by the Newspaper Publishers Association at the Savoy Hotel.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Emperor of Ethiopia is 83 today.

Mr H. Allen regrets that he was unable to attend the memorial service for Dorothy Lady Brundisfield due to absence abroad.

Today's engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh give a garden party, Buckingham Palace, 4-6; attend Royal International Horse Show, Empire Pool, Wembley, 7.35.

Princess Anne lunches with Grand Order of Lady Ratlings and is invested as a companion ratling of the order, Dorchester, hotel, 12.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits "Young America" exhibition, American Embassy, 11.15.

Princess Margaret attends Royal Tournament, Earls Court, 2.15.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Kent attend garden party, Buckingham Palace, 4.0.

Princess Alexandra is present at race for Doggett's Coat and Badge, Tower Pier, 11.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. M. G. Wrightson and Miss S. V. Dean

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Sir John Wrightson, Bt, and the Hon Lady Wrightson, of Neasham Hall, Darlington, co Durham, and Stella, daughter of the late Mr G. H. Dean and Mrs Dean, of Garden Cottage, Middleton Tyas, Yorkshire.

Mr C. M. Q. Rampton and Miss J. D. Lowe

The engagement is announced between Christopher Mark Quinton, younger son of Mr J. M. Rampton, of Easton Lodge, Norfolk, and Mrs P. F. Lindars, of Avoca, Republic of Ireland, and Janet Diana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Lowe, of 18 Shek-O, Hongkong.

Marriages

Mr P. C. Bickmore and Miss I. M. Fitzalan Howard

The marriage took place yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, of Mr Peter Bickmore, son of Mr L. H. N. Bickmore and of Mrs James Windsor-Lewis, and Miss Isabel Fitzalan Howard, daughter of Major-General the Hon Sir Michael and Lady Fitzalan Howard. The Rev R. T. J. K. Wood, Father J. Hamilton Dalrymple and Father M. Holman took part in the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Andrew Petherick, Andrew and Kate Stratton, the Hon Sarah Fortescue, Lisabel Macdonald and Emma Heywood-Lonsdale. Mr Clive de Rougemont was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr A. W. V. Ireland and Miss V. J. Cooper

The marriage took place at the Church of St Lawrence, Warborough, Oxfordshire, on July 19 between Mr Adrian William Velleman Ireland and Miss Victoria Jane Cooper. The bride was attended by Miss Sophia Akerman, Miss Belinda Gillington and Miss Susanna Calvert. Mr Michael Rose was best man.

Mr C. R. Ling and Miss I. H. Handscombe

The marriage took place quietly on July 21 in Norfolk between Mr Cecil Revett Ling, of Braydescroft, Brundall, and Miss Irene Helena Handscombe, of 3 Park Way, East Molesey, Surrey.

Mr A. J. Nares and Miss T. S. Gilbey

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 19, at St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney, Dorset, of Mr Anthony Nares, son of the late Lieutenant J. G. A. M. Nares, Royal Navy, and of Mrs David Buchanan-Dunlop, of Rome, and Miss Thomasin Gilbey, daughter of Mr Eccles Ronald Gilbey, of 31 Cadogan Street, London. The Rev Gwyn Lewis officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Richard Smith-Bingham, Archie and Jamie Orr-Ewing, George Stucley, Charles Cooke, Rupert Leigh-Wood, Oliver Christie, Sophia Aston-Bostock, Susannah Challen, Anna Worthington and Susanna Beeson. Major Jeremy Smith-Bingham was best man.

A reception was held at Kingston Russell House, by permission of Mr and Mrs Charles Worthington. The honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr R. Paley and Miss C. M. P. Moore

The marriage took place on July 19, at Great St Mary's, Cambridge, of Mr Robert Paley, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Paley, of Blackburn, and Miss Caroline Moore, daughter of Dr and Mrs N. W. Moore, of Swavesey, Cambridge.

Mr P. J. Robinson and Miss R. D. McCorquodale

The marriage took place on July 19 at St Andrew's Church, Kelso, between Mr Peter Robinson, son of Mr and Mrs J. Robinson, and Miss Diana McCorquodale, daughter of Mr John McCorquodale and Mrs Anne McCorquodale.



Mrs Vivien Close just failing to hold on to her hat in a gust of wind outside Buckingham Palace yesterday after her husband, Mr Brian Close, the Somerset and former England cricketer, had received the insignia of CBE from the Queen. With them are their children, Lyn and Lance.

Quality tells in prices for Japanese porcelain

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Japanese porcelain of the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries ran to prices far beyond expectations at Christie's yesterday. The secret appeared to be fine condition; while porcelain of this period is still not hard to find, good pieces in pristine condition are rarities.

That was particularly underlined by a group of Kakiemon foliate dishes painted in iron-red, turquoise, blue, yellow and gold with two birds and a flowering shrub. Two made £519 each, while a slightly damaged one made only £115: they had been estimated at £200 each.

The sale included porcelain from several noble English collections. There were three almost identical large Imari dishes painted in colours with a woman in a garden and a dense floral border, sent for sale by Lord Radnor. They went for £1,785 (estimate £320 to £450), £1,680 (estimate £350 to £500) and £1,260 (estimate £400 to £600). From the same source came a fine Arita blue-and-white deep bowl and cover with fine landscape decoration: it made £1,365 (estimate £350 to £450).

Lord Barnard had sent for sale a pair of Arita blue-and-white pear-shaped bottle vases, decorated with scholars conversing in a landscape: the price was £1,470. A fine pair of Imari pear-shaped mugs, decorated in colours with flowers, made £892.50 (estimate £500 to £800).

The rest of the sale of Japanese works of art made fairly standard prices, with strong bidding for swords. Christie's were also selling English drawings, with a top price of £577.50 for a watercolour of a "Black Grouse" by Archibald Thorburn.

At Sotheby's Belgravia the last sale of the season devoted to English prints showed prices as strong as ever. The sale turnover in this field has been three fifths higher this season than last.

Yesterday's sale was devoted to early prints (1700-1850) and made £14,861, leaving only 3 per cent unsold. The top price was £660 (estimate £200 to £300) for a large collection of Cambridge views. A set of Bartolozzi's coloured stipple engravings, "The Months of the Year", made £580 (estimate £300 to £400). German views again made top prices; a single coloured aquatint of Berlin made £250 (estimate £100 to £150).

In a manuscript sale at Bond Street Wilcox paid £800 (estimate £600 to £800) for a series of 53 letters concerning the war of the Austrian succession. The top price in a sale of oriental ceramics was £580 for a famille rose tureen, cover and stand.

Rommel's HQ to become museum

Marsa Matruh, July 22.—The crumbling ruin of Field Marshal Rommel's headquarters near Marsa Matruh is to be restored and converted into a museum, Egyptian Government officials said today.

From there he commanded the Afrika Korps in the North African campaign. Rommel's command car, armour plate from his tank, parts of his uniform, his papers, fly swatter and personal possessions, will be displayed at the museum.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

ADAM TARN
An influence on Polish drama

Adam Tarn, Professor of Drama at the University of Calgary in Canada, has died while on a visit to Europe, in Lausanne.

Tarn, who was born in 1902, left his native Poland in 1968 during the period of the great Jewish exodus and settled in Canada in the same year. There he founded and edited the university journal, *Drama in Calgary*. Despite the knowledge and expertise that he brought with him to the country of his adoption and the resulting benefits to Canadian theatre, his departure from Poland is generally considered to have been nothing short of a tragedy.

Of several plays that Tarn wrote during the Stalinist era after the Second World War, mirroring the current political and aesthetic climate, one above all merits attention. This was the prizewinning *An Ordinary Case* (*Zwykla Sprawa*). It was staged by Erwin Axer at the Contemporary Theatre and achieved some notoriety during the Warsaw Festival of Polish Drama in 1950, on account of the author's avoidance of the prevailing didacticism when dealing with the topic of political blackmail in a polemical drama, the action of which he deliberately laid in the USA of Senator McCarthy.

However, Tarn's importance in the story of Polish drama lies far more in his work as editor and literary counsellor. In 1956, immediately after the "thaw" he founded the monthly theatrical magazine *Dialog* and remained its editor until his enforced exile in 1968. *Dialog* was unique, both in Poland and possibly in the world, as a journal in which, thanks to the taste, vision and encouragement of its editor, an entire generation of new dramatists was given a forum, without strings.

Numerous Polish plays saw the light of day on the printed page at a time when theatre managers, perhaps understandably, hesitated to stage them. It became a mark of honour and special distinction to be published in *Dialog* before production. Mrozek's *Tango* and Bryll's *The November Affair* are good examples.

During this period he also acted as Literary Manager of Axer's theatre. He acted as playdoctor, adviser, collaborator and a source of inspiration to the young. He also pioneered the work of foreign writers, like Dürrenmatt and Dylan Thomas and provided an outlet for a new generation of Polish theatre critics.

Memorial services

Lord Salter

The Speaker was represented by Mr Oscar Murton, MP, and Mr Harold Macmillan was present at a memorial service for Lord Salter held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon David Edwards officiated. Professor E. B. Ford read the lesson and Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone gave an address. Others present included:

Mr and Mrs Edward Snidders, Miss Ann-Louise Snidders, Mr and Mrs Paul Vesey, Mr and Mrs George Clark Hutchison, Mrs Joan Salter, Mrs L. F. Hawking.

The Earl and Countess of Perth, Viscount Harcourt, Edith Lady Robertson of Oakridge, Lord O'Brien of Lothbury (representing the Order of the British Empire), Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Inchyra, Lord Segal, Lord Clitheroe, Lady Wilberforce, Sir Keith Joseph, MP, Lady Gillian Anderson, the Hon Alexander Hood, Sir Derek and Lady Vestey, Eleanor, Lady de Montmorency (Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association), Sir Harold and Lady Wilkinson, Lady (Dingle) Foot, Sir William and Lady Keswick, Sir John Pope-Hennessy, Lady Norman, Sir Richard Powell, Lady [illegible], Mr John Sparrow (Warden of All Souls College, Oxford, also representing the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University), Mr F. P. Neill, QC, Mr Michael Marshall, MP, Mrs Dermot Morrah, Mr Stanley Payton, Mr [illegible] (Clark Hutchison, MP), Mr Max Nicholson, Mrs H. V. Hodson, Mr A. D. Marris and Mr Charles Monteith (representing Faber and Faber).

Sir Edward Hardy

The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Bishop of Dover, who pronounced the blessing, at a memorial service for Sir Edward Hardy, which was held on Monday, July 21, at the church St Gregory and St Martin, Wye. The Rev D. J. Marriott officiated, assisted by Canon S. G. Brade-Birks. The lesson was read by the Provost of Wye College, who was accompanied by Mrs Older, and Lord Cornwallis gave an appreciation. Among those present were:

Mrs A. Gaskell (niece), Mr and Mrs D. Galloway (great niece), Mrs R. Thomas (great niece), Miss L. Galloway (great-great-niece), Major and Mrs A. Hardy, Mr Maurice Hardy, Mr and Mrs G. A. Hardy, Colonel and Mrs G. R. Tuff, Mrs F. Bragg, Miss Spicer and Miss Wood (cousins).

The Earl and Countess of Guilford (representing the Men of Kent and Kentish Men), Viscountess Broome, Lord and Lady Northbourne, Mr and Mrs W. F. Deedes, Sir Dudley and Lady Harmer, the Principal of Wye College and Mrs H. S. Darling, Colonel and Mrs V. S. Laurie, Mr P. E. Garbutt (secretary, London Transport Executive), Mr and Mrs R. Leigh-Pemberton, Mr and Mrs D. Skilbeck, Professor Martin (representing Kent University), Mr and Mrs G. D. Older, Mr C. E. Skinner (representing Kent National Farmers' Union), Miss M. Terry, Mr and Mrs G. Flint, Mrs A. Pyin, Mr and Mrs T. H. Jeanes (representing East Kent Hunt), Mr and Mrs C. Egerton, Mr and Mrs J. Erle-Drax, Major and Mrs J. Butler, Mr J. Parker (representing Wye Cricket Club), Miss D. N. Coulter (representing Wye Gardeners' Society), Mrs E. Tritton, Mr A. Wyndham Green (representing Ashford Conservative Association), Mr W. E. Attenborough (representing Kent County Cricket Club), Mr F. W. H. and Lady Prudence Loudon, Colonel and Mrs Carter, Mr M. Bonitas, Mr J. Waite (chairman, Kent County Council), Commander N. and Lady Mary Findlay, Mr G. Ordish, Mr and Mrs J. Martin (representing Boughton and Eastwell Cricket Club), Captain G. Brodrick, Mr Boyd (representing Ashford Young Farmers' Club), Mrs D. Speed, Mrs J. Speed and Mrs O. Fox-Pitt.

Mr B. Anns, QC

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr J. A. C. Watherston at a memorial service for Mr Bryan Anns, QC, held yesterday in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. The Rev Richard Tydeman officiated. Mr Tom Sargent read the lesson, and an address was given by Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, MP. Among those present were:

Mrs Anns (widow), Mrs L. J. Anns (mother), Mr and Mrs Derek Anns (brother and sister-in-law), Miss Jane Anns (sister), Miss Fiona Anns, Nigel Anns, Mrs R. Pakeman.

The Dowager Lady Rayleigh, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord and Lady Milner of Leeds, Sir George Baker (President, Family Division), the Hon Guy Strutt, Mr Justice Cusack, Sir Norman Anderson, QC, Mr Justice and Lady Ackner, Sir Alexander and Lady MacFarquhar, Judge Lermon, QC, Judge Pickering, Mr F. P. Neill, QC, Mr A. B. Hollis, QC.

Mr J. P. Harris, QC, Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, MP, Mr Gordon Slynn, QC, and Mrs Slynn, Mr T. O. Kellock, QC, Mr Muir Hunter, QC, Mr James Comyn, QC, and Mrs Comyn, Mr Ronald Waterhouse, QC, and Mrs Waterhouse, Mrs James Miskin, Mr Harry Woolf, Mr Michael Corkery, Mr Nicholas Medawar, Mr Benedict Birnberg, Mr John Crosby (chairman, High Court Journalists' Association), Miss Pamela Thomas (Society of Conservative Lawyers), Mr K. Richards (Barristers' Clerks' Association) and Mrs Richards, Mr Geoffrey Garrett, Mr D. D. Mackintosh (William Charles Crocker), Mr and Mrs B. Fane-Saunders, Mr Terence Fane-Saunders and Mr and Mrs K. J. Fane-Saunders.

Latest wills

Residue to provide kidney machines

Mrs Ivy Gladys Lewis, of Worcester Park, Surrey, left £37,617 net (duty paid, £1,380). After bequests to charities of £950 and other personal bequests, she left the residue as to £2,000 to the RNLI and the rest among hospitals as her trustees decide to provide kidney machines.

Mrs Alice May Deacon, of Hailsham, left £19,121 net (no duty shown). After personal legacies of £2,300 she left the residue to Dr Barnardo's.

Mr Desmond Louis Donnelly, of Codicote, Labour MP for Pembroke, 1950-68, left a nil estate.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Igel, Mr Alfred, of Bayswater, London, company director. £332,645

University news

Oxford

Prizes:

Pusey and Ellerton Prizes in Biblical Hebrew: Senior, M. O. Lewis, Merton College; Junior, Mary E. P. Wilkins, Lady Margaret Hall.

Scott Prize in Physics, A. W. Watson, exhibitioner of Balliol College. Prizes for outstanding work in practical physics, R. A. Cooke, exhibitioner of Corpus Christi College, A. A. Green, Christ Church, and A. M. Smith, exhibitioner of Exeter College.

Oxford University class list

The following class list has been issued at Oxford University:

MODERN HISTORY and ECONOMICS

CLASS I: M. I. Clark, New Coll, KCS; P. Drayton, New Coll, Tonbridge S.

CLASS II: R. A. Arnold, St J., Manchester GS; Joanna A. Ball, St Hilda's, Eltham Hill S; R. C. Blunden, Univ, St Edward's S, Oxford; M. W. Bryant, Ch Ch, Chichester HS; S. G. Callaghan, St Cath, Ampleforth; M. A. T. Deighton, Pemb, Westminster; Celia E. J. Frank, St Hilda's, Roedean; M. S. Hall, Ch Ch, Manchester GS; Laura Harris, LMH, Henrietta Barnett S; D. F. Harrison, Pemb, Hymers; J. F. Haslam, Keble, Forest Fields GS; J. E. Hicklin, Univ, King Edward's Fiveways S; W. A. Paul, BNC, Canford; C. G. Pickard, Hertf, Liverpool; P. Richardson, Wadh, K George V S, Southport; M. Rigby, New Coll, The King's S, Chester; R. A. Robinson, St Cath, Westminster; K. J. Saunders, Merton, Stowe; C. R. Shaw, Ball, Newcastle RGS; J. H. Shillingford, Ch Ch, Westminster; P. J. Smith, Exeter, Downside; Julia Tanlin, St Hilda's, St Michael's S, Limpsfield.

CLASS III: P. Billington, Trin, Lancaster RGS; J. H. E. Colton, St Edm H, Clifton; R. P. Fane-Hervey, Linc, Ampleforth; P. C. J. Monk, Pemb, King's C, Taunton; G. J. B. Postlethwaite, St Ben H, Xaverian C, Manchester; P. H. Scanlan, Keble, Sydney Univ; I. F. Wilkie, Ch Ch, Dartmouth.

Latest pamphlets

Marking 900 years of the 'typical English cathedral'

Chichester 900. Chichester Cathedral has always enjoyed praise; it has been described as the most typical English cathedral and one of the most lovable. Much of its reputation comes from the way its life and presence moulds into that of the city. Dr George Bell, when he was Bishop of Chichester, once said it was full of beauty but not a museum. This book marks the 900th anniversary of the cathedral's foundation. Distinguished contributors have written essays on some of the important events in its history, but they are mostly about people who have influenced or been influenced by the cathedral. They include the dissolute anthem writer, Thomas Weelkes, dismissed for drunkenness, poets like William Collins and John Keats, and Eric Gill, the sculptor. There is a tribute to Walter Hussey, the present Dean, "the last great patron of art in the Church of England", and a memoir of Bishop Bell which brings to the attention of a new generation the principles he upheld in his outspoken and controversial challenge to the War Cabinet's policy of obliteration bombing of German towns. John [illegible] colourful cover.
Chichester Cathedral, £1.50 (postage 14½p).

Our Quaker Heritage, by Kenneth H. Southall. Whereas cathedrals, and many churches, are impressive in their monumental size and stature, the small meeting houses of Quakers were designed for very practical purposes. Nevertheless they contribute a particular beauty and dignity of their own. Many were erected by members themselves, using local materials, frequently in remote places. Some have similarities, such as their design, often including a shuttered upper room which could be opened up or, when closed, used for women's meetings.

What comes through strongly in Mr Southall's record of the pre-1720 meeting houses still in use is the courage and integrity of early Quakers in the face of persecution.

The author is well qualified on the subject; many of his ancestors were among the early Quakers, as he frequently reminds his readers in footnotes.
Society of Friends, Euston Road, London, NW1. £2.50 (postage 14½p).

Churches and Chapels of Exmoor, by N. V. Allen. This is more than a guide-book to religious houses; the author has traced the history of religion in the area and placed it in its wider context. It is also a comprehensive study of 120 churches and chapels, ranging from the smallest complete church in England at Culbone to St George's at Dunster, with its magnificent rood screen, the largest [illegible] two parts of the church and end a quarrel between monks and parishioners.

From his study it is apparent that the Victorians, while responsible for introducing much that is now worthy of preservation, were guilty of much desecration in the name of restoration.
The Exmoor Press, Dulverton, Somerset. 75p (postage 9½p).

Cyril Bainbridge

Educate walkers, mountain rescue team says

By a Staff Reporter

A national campaign to educate people about the dangers of mountain climbing is called for in the annual report of a Lake District mountain rescue team.

School parties, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme expeditions and casual after-dinner walkers are some of the worst culprits, but the dedicated fell-walker causes little trouble, Mr Stewart Hulse, a member of the Langdale/Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team committee, says in the team's report for 1974.

Of the 36 people the team rescued in 1974, only nine could be classed as genuine fell-walkers. Ten of those helped were from school parties and Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, July 22, 1950

We announce with regret the death of Sir Herbert Barker, the well-known manipulative surgeon, who had been in hospital at Lancaster suffering from injuries received when alighting from a motor-car [illegible] the medical profession of this country in his debt in two ways. In the first place he challenged professional complacency by a long series of successful treatments of cases which doctors had failed to cure; in the second he continued to the very end of his life to keep the subject of manipulative surgery before the public. His second service had the effect of challenging professional skill and so, in the end, of increasing it.

COL C. W. GOURLAY

Colonel Clifford White Gourlay, MC, died on July 8 at the age of [illegible]. [illegible] long life spanning Territorial Service in and between both World Wars, a career in banking, and the directorships of several companies, he set a selfless example of courage, courtesy, integrity, sound judgment of people and affairs, and great good humour.

Descended from an old Scottish family of Dundee shipbuilders, he was educated at Christ's Hospital, and in 1904 joined Barclays Bank remaining with them 44 years, [illegible] of them as manager of the Bank at 160 Piccadilly which he opened in April 1927, thus becoming part of the history of Barclays Bank in the West End.

His Territorial Service included active service from June 1916 in the Royal Field Artillery Special Reserve. He was awarded the MC at Ypres in 1917 and was later severely wounded: and [illegible] in command from 1939-40 of the 51st (London) AA Regiment TA at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

His activities as Territorial and banker were happily combined in the nickname "Colonel Overdraft" given him by grateful clients. On his retirement from the Bank he continued an active life in the City, bringing his wise counsel and great gift for friendship to many successful undertakings.

He married Netta Odgann by whom he had one son who predeceased him, and two daughters. She died in 1933, and in 1940 he married [illegible] daughter of David and [illegible] Rennie by whom he had one daughter. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Archaeology report

Kingsworthy: A victim of rape

Careful study of an unusual type of burial and traumatic injuries detectable on the skeleton from an Anglo-Saxon grave in Hampshire has led to the conclusion that the woman in question was the victim of rape, and may well have been killed as punishment for her dishonour.

The burial was one of 94 inhumation graves in a pagan Saxon cemetery at Worthy Park, Kingsworthy, Hampshire, excavated by Mrs Sonia Chadwick Hawkes, of Oxford University, for the Department of the Environment, and is described by her and Dr Calvin Wells in the latest number of *Antiquity*. It contained the skeleton of an adolescent girl of about 16, lying face down with her hands crossed in front of her and her heels together: her limbs may have been bound. There were no grave goods, not even the dress fasteners common in pagan Saxon burials, suggesting that the body may have been buried naked.

Examination of the bones disclosed a small cavity on the back of the lower end of the left thigh, just behind the knee, which Dr Wells describes as being cleanly healed, and probably due to either a non-ossifying fibroma or a response to an injury associated with a low-grade infection. On the right thigh bone is a bony projection at the point where two major muscles running from the pelvis join the thigh; it was almost certainly produced by tearing of the terminal fibres of the muscles, with bleeding into the torn area and eventual ossification of the clot after several months. The muscles in question are used to bring the legs together, and tearing of the tendons, rarely of natural occurrence in young persons, "is almost invariably due to violent separation of the thighs whilst trying to resist this and bring them tightly together".

The authors suggest that "this lesion is typically the result of a brutal rape which was strongly resisted by the victim", and that ossification of the clot shows that the girl survived for some four to six months afterwards.

The cavity behind the left knee is more difficult to interpret, but one possibility is that a dagger was prodded into the girl's leg to make her draw her legs up and make entry easier, and the rape may have been a group effort.

Mrs Hawkes examines the treatment meted out to adulteresses and the female victims of rape in the Dark Ages, and in view of the dishonour that unchastity brought to a family suggests that this girl was punished with death for the violation that she had resisted. Her survival for some months after the event may indicate that she had become pregnant as a result but had managed to conceal the rape itself, perhaps from knowledge of her fate if it were discovered.

Unfortunately the pelvic area of the skeleton was in poor condition, and any foetal bones would probably not have survived. A second skeleton at the site, of a woman in her late twenties, also seems to have been buried naked, and the position of the skeleton may indicate either a very unceremonious burial or that the woman was buried alive and tried to raise herself as the earth was thrown in on her.

"We can only guess what crime and punishment enmeshed the older woman", the authors conclude, but for the young girl "naked, bound, lacerated and perhaps still alive, with the howl of human jackals in her ears, her passport to a merciful oblivion is likely to have been the slime and mire of this chalky trench".

By Norman Hammond
Archaeological Correspondent

Christening

Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon is godmother to the infant daughter of Mr Christopher and the Hon Mrs Whitehead, who was christened Christina Daisy Elizabeth by the Rev Alan Wynne in the Grosvenor Chapel yesterday. The other godparents are the Hon Brian Alexander, Mr Ian Fraser, Mr Hugh Myddelton, Mrs Jeremy Wagg and Miss Penelope Rose.

Birthdays today

Major-General R. Ll. Brown, 80; Mr Michael Foot, MP, 62; Professor Idris Foster, 64; Miss Elspeth Huxley, 68; Don Salvador de Madariaga, 89; Florence Viscountess Massereene and Ferrard, 102; Captain E. K. Myles, VC, 81; Sir Eric Sachs, 77; Lord Stow Hill, 73.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

The following to be stipendiary magistrates: Mr P. G. N Badge, Mr B. J. Canham, Mr G. L. J. Noel (all metropolitan); and Mr D. A. Phillips (mid-Glamorgan).

Mr Edmund Garvey to succeed Mr Patrick Malone as Commissioner of the Garda Siochana.

Service of Thanksgiving

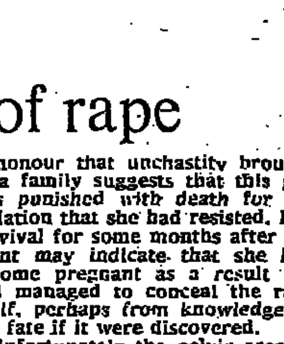
Battle of Britain

The Ministry of Defence announces that the Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11 am on Sunday, September 21, 1975.

Applications for tickets, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, should reach the Ministry of Defence, S4c (Air), Room 0/6, Metropole Building, Northumberland Avenue, London, WC2N 5BL, not later than September 3, 1975. Applications received after this date might prove to be unsuccessful. If there is an excessive demand for seats it may be necessary to restrict the issue of tickets to two per applicant. Those who are ex Battle of Britain aircrew, relatives of aircrew who lost their lives in the battle, past members of the Royal Air Force and its various reserve forces or members of the general public, are asked to state their respective category when applying to enable appropriate seating arrangements to be made in the abbey.

Tickets and a note giving guidance about dress for the occasion will be issued about one week before the service.

Applications for tickets must not be sent to Westminster Abbey.



Special stamp: The Houses of Parliament feature in a 12p stamp (above) to be issued on September 3, to mark the sixty-second Inter-Parliamentary Union conference. It was designed by Mr Richard Downer and is coloured grey, blue, black and gold. The union was founded in 1889 by a Frenchman and Englishman to promote international arbitration.

Luncheon

HM Government

Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at Lancaster House at a luncheon in honour of the High Commissioner for Singapore and Mrs Lee. Among the other guests were:

The Ambassador for Thailand and Mme Sunthamongkhon, the Ambassador for Indonesia and Mme Suhono, the Acting High Commissioner for Malaysia and Mme Mohamed, the Chargé d'Affaires for the Philippines, Lord and Lady Feather, Mr Royston Hughes, MP, and Mrs Hughes, Mr Basil Bennefyle, Mr and Mrs I. Caginada, Miss J. M. Hobson, Mr A. K. Goldsmith and Mr A. C. Galsworthy.

Receptions

Association of County Councils

The Association of County Councils held a reception yesterday evening at Eaton House, Eaton Square. The guests were received by the president of the association, Viscount Amory, and the chairman of the executive council, Sir Meredith Whittaker, and Lady Whittaker. Among those present were:

Mr Edward Short, MP, Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, Mrs Barbara Castle, MP, Mr Anthony Crosland, MP, Mr William Whitelaw, MP, Lieutenant-General Sir William Pike, Sir Robert Marshall, Sir Lloyd Pugh, Sir Arthur Peterson; the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Lord Mayor of London and the chairman of the Greater London Council.

Lord Harlech

Lord Harlech, chairman of the Kennedy Memorial Trust, last night gave a reception at the House of Lords in honour of the 1975 Kennedy Scholars who will be taking up their scholarships at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in September. Among those present were:

The American Ambassador, Lord Redcliffe-Maud, Sir William Hawthorne, Sir Frank Young and Sir Eric Roll (with their ladies) and Mrs McRae (with Mr Hamish McRae), trustees; Lady Harlech, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP, Sir Fitzroy and the Hon Lady Maclean, Mrs Nina Hillgarth and Mr Jonathan Moore, of Harvard University, Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP, and Mrs Griffiths; past and present Kennedy Scholars and members of their universities in Britain.

Dinners

United Nations' Association

At last night's thirtieth anniversary dinner of the United Nations' Association, held at The Plaisterers' Hall, the speakers were Mrs Shirley Williams, MP, Mr Maurice Strong, Lord Wolfenden, Miss Barbara Kelly and Mr Eric Price Holmes. Among the guests were:

Sir Graham Rowlandson, Sir Alexander and Lady MacFarquhar, the Dean of Westminster, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster and representatives of the diplomatic missions of Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, the Federal Republic of Germany, India, Iran, Mauritius, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Qatar, Singapore, Switzerland, the Soviet Union and Laos.

Young Enterprise

The chairman, Dr Frank M. H. Taylor, gave a dinner party yesterday to the officers of Young Enterprise at the Junior Carlton Club. Among those present were Lord Beeching, president, Lord Maybray-King, vice-president, Mr W. H. Salomon, founder and hon treasurer, and regional and area branch chairmen.

Church news

Appointments:

The Rev P. J. Arrowsmith, priest-in-charge of Holy Trinity, Kingsway, diocese of London, to be also priest-in-charge of St Paul's, Covent Garden, same diocese.

The Rev E. I. Chetwynd, curate of Penistone, diocese of Wakefield, to be Vicar of Castleford St Michael's and priest-in-charge of Whitwood, same diocese.

The Rev R. S. Crossley, Chaplain of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, to be Vicar of St Paul's, Camberley, diocese of Guildford.

The Rev J. G. Edwards, curate of Holy Cross, Greenford (in charge of St Edward's, Perivale) diocese of London, to be priest-in-charge of Poundstock, diocese of Truro.

The Rev C. Gwilliam, Vicar of Cwmtillery, diocese of Monmouth, to be Vicar of St Oswald's, Hartlepool, diocese of Durham.

The Rev R. H. Kent, Vicar of Parkend, diocese of Gloucester, to be Vicar of St Aldate's, Gloucester.

The Rev L. E. J. Owen, curate of St Leonard's, Deal, diocese of Canterbury, to be Vicar of Teynham, same diocese.

The Rev Gerald Smith, Team Vicar of St Peter and St Paul's, Hucknall, diocese of Southwell, to be priest-in-charge of the cathedral at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, and resident chaplain in the Islands.

Diocese of Bath and Wells

The Rev F. J. Costelor, Vicar of Keynsham, to be Vicar of Brent Knoll.

The Rev I. C. W. Harradine, Rector of St Lucia, Windward Islands, to be curate-in-charge of Haise and Ash Priors.

The Rev D. H. Roberts, Vicar of Newsome, diocese of Wakefield, to be bishop's chaplain for youth.

Canon D. R. Vicary, Precentor of Wells Cathedral, to be also examining chaplain to the bishop.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev D. S. Baker, Rector of Emly, diocese of Wakefield, on August 31.

The Rev M. Bates, Vicar of Newbottle, diocese of Durham.

The Rev W. H. Frost, Vicar of St Edyth's, Sea Mills, diocese of Bristol, on October 4.

Canon R. P. Neill, priest-in-charge of Caunton with Maplebeck, diocese of Southwell, on October 14.

Science report

Ecology: Underwater plant life in Antarctica

Scuba divers surveying Antarctica have come up with the suggestion that, contrary to the situation elsewhere, the vegetation of that vast continent is comprised mainly of aquatic life. Some antarctic mosses, for example, have become adapted to living in an aquatic environment and now prefer to live in large ponds, which provide a more favourable habitat than the surrounding land. The exploitation of the data provided by the survey may provide a more accurate picture of how plants in the antarctic ecosystem can cope with such extreme environmental conditions.

The work of the divers (ecologists from Monks Wood Experimental Station, in Cambridgeshire) forms part of the present British Antarctic Survey, a multidisciplinary research team surveying all aspects of Antarctica. As a result of their underwater researches Dr Light and Dr Heywood have recommended that in future surveys due attention should be paid to the fact that the bulk of any experimental material is going to be found in lakes and ponds rather than on the vast and often frozen reaches of land. That general conclusion will be of interest to ecologists concerned with the modern antarctic environment and to palaeoecologists attempting to reconstruct ancient antarctic and arctic ecosystems.

Extensive searches on foot in the Ablation Valley area of Alexander Island led to the discovery of only seven relatively small patches of mosses, lichens or algae on areas of ground not covered with ice. The terrestrial growth was confined to north-facing slopes well supplied with water from underlying springs, suggesting that the availability of water is a big factor restricting the growth of terrestrial plants and their ability to disperse their ground cover over a wider area.

In the open, mosses have been able to anchor only in the protected environment of crevices between and under stones. The increased stability these situations afford has enabled the already limited vegetative cover to withstand the harsh conditions prevalent on the island: long periods of brilliant sunshine, driving winds, extreme cold, and little snow or rainfall.

The ecologists were primarily interested in the distribution of the many species of moss known to form the dominant vegetation in deep-water antarctic lakes. Dives in fairly large ponds (500 to 10,000 square metres), scattered over the mountainous terrain of the island's coast, revealed that large areas were covered with a luxuriant growth of moss. In some sections of the lakes, where the turbidity of the water allowed the transmission of enough light for photosynthesis, as much as 80 per cent of the silty lake floor was covered: the stalks sometimes reaching lengths of 30 centimetres. A rich algal flora, also found in the temporary pools—formed from the undulation and breaching of ice under pressure in the George VI Sound (between the island and mainland Antarctica) formed the rest of the aquatic vegetative cover.

The divers were less successful in their quest when it came to three large and permanently frozen lakes (up to 6½ sq km). The only traceable plant life found during dives down to 15 metres and over an area of 10,000 sq metres were thin algal films on rocks jutting out from the floor. The dearth of vegetation could be attributed to the fact that dives were carried out near the shore, where ice cover was thick and there was persistent snow cover, blocking the light required for growth.

The striking contrast between the percentage cover in land and in water, however, is indisputable. Moreover the extremely sparse plant cover on land has been restricted to encrusting and cushion-like mosses, whereas closely related species have become adapted to and thrive in water. Antarctic lakes seem to offer a more favourable physical environment for certain species. In them, mosses are not subjected to desiccation, wide and rapid fluctuations in temperature from day to night, freeze-thaw cycles during season changes, and abrasion by wind-driven soil particles. Once established in an area receiving sufficient light they grow vigorously and colonize extensive regions of their habitat.

Such qualitative results are of immediate interest to plant ecologists but the findings of the British Antarctic Survey will eventually interest a wider audience. If Antarctica is ever to be exploited as a source of food, probably fish, the distribution of planktonic and other aquatic vegetation will become of prime importance.

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THE RT REV F. N. CHAMBERLAIN

The Rt Rev Frank N[illegible] Chamberlain, CB, OBE, has di[ed] at the age of 74.

He was Chaplain of the Fle[et] and Archdeacon of the Roy[al] Navy from 1952 to 1956, a[nd] Hon Chaplain to the Queen du[r]ing the same period.

He was Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago from 1957 to 196[illegible] and thereafter successivel[y] Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral and Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Portsmouth. He was made Honorary Assistant Bishop in the diocese i[n] 1963.

The Hon Richard Marti[n] Herbert Peake, son and heir o[f] Viscount Ingleby was foun[d] dead at the foot of Beach[y] Head on Saturday. He was 21.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richar[d] Ropner, who died on July 2[illegible] at the age of 77, served in th[e] First World War with th[e] Machine Gun Corps and havin[g] qualified as a doctor in 193[illegible] with the RAMC in the Secon[d] World War. He was a Depu[ty] Lieutenant for Ross and Cro[marty].

Dr Karl Schleinzer, the Au[s]trian Opposition leader, ha[s] died in a road accident at th[e] age of 51.

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BSC to seek new economies as loss rate climbs to £5m a week

By Edward Townsend

Sir Monty Finniston, chairman of the British Steel Corporation said yesterday that the BSC was losing money at the rate of £5m a week. He made clear that the corporation would be seeking agreement with the steel unions on the operation of more stringent economy measures.

He said that the BSC was heading for unprecedented losses this year and that the six-point plan agreed with the unions in May and designed to save £100m was not producing the economies expected.

Sir Monty would not reveal the demands the corporation is to make to the TUC Steel Committee next Tuesday, nor whether compulsory redundancies would be introduced, but he issued a warning that further measures would have to be taken.

Outlining the corporation's results for the last year which show a record profit of £89.3m, Sir Monty also declined to predict the extent of the BSC's loss for 1975-76. But it seems certain that this will be between £200 and £250m. Such a figure would mean a loss of £20 on every tonne of steel.

Last year's result gave a rate of return of 8.9 per cent, but because of the corporation's predicament it was proposing that that dividend should be restricted to £7.1m, representing a gross of 2 per cent on the public dividend capital.

The chairman, in sombre mood, spoke in turn of the "ridiculous" and "tragic" situation facing the country's state steel undertaking.

Steelworks were now operating at 50 to 55 per cent of capacity, the lowest level since the 1930s, he said, and they were expected to produce about 17.5 million tonnes of steel this year—well below the break-even point of 25 million tonnes, which was itself just 1 million tonnes below full capacity.

The recession was deepening, said Sir Monty. Costs had risen by 30 per cent last year and would be even greater this year, and he admitted that the corporation had misjudged the rise in the rate of inflation.

During the year the corporation had had to make provision of £52.4m for losses on medium-term contracts. The figure, which had a built-in inflation factor, compared with just £6.6m the previous year and covered contracts entered into between 1970 and 1974 to supply steel mainly to shipbuilders.

Sir Monty said 1974 had been "a terrible year" for industrial relations, with 272 strikes causing the loss of 1 million tonnes of liquid steel output worth £40m. This, coupled with the effects of the miners' strike and three-day week, had cost the corporation about £125m.

Because of guaranteed week agreements and other benefits, labour was now a fixed asset, he said, "and when fixed assets are not paying their way they have to be modified."

Borrowings last year rose to almost £260m from the previous year's £46.5m. Most of the corporation's long-term capital requirements were borrowed from overseas, and capital expenditure last year increased from £187m to a new record of £311m.

During the year the BSC made net capital repayments of £33m to the Exchequer.

On television last night, Sir Monty agreed that now, during a period of recession was the best time to have a confrontation. But he made it clear that he thought the question was one of survival. The British steel industry used between two and three times as many men to produce a ton of steel as other European countries.



Sir Monty Finniston yesterday: Unprecedented loss ahead after record profit.

Troubled year for insurance

By Margaret Stone

More than 40 insurance companies ran into difficulties during 1974, according to information released yesterday by the Department of Trade, which published its annual report on insurance business.

As always the DoT is guarded in the amount of individual detail it lets slip, and the only companies mentioned by name are the three well-publicized failures, Nation Life, Bastion Insurance and London Indemnity and General.

Apart from these, more than 40 companies were persuaded by the DoT to take remedial action before they ran into irreversible difficulties. In 25 cases shareholders were able to provide new working capital; in a limited number of other cases, the companies were sold to new owners willing to inject fresh capital; and thirdly, rescue operations sponsored by the insurance industry were mounted in other cases.

Under the new insurance legislation, consolidated in the Insurance Companies Act, 1974, the Department of Trade has wide powers of intervention.

During the year the restriction on new business was imposed four times although notice that this power was being considered was issued on 41 occasions. Requirements about investments, maintenance of assets in this country and custody of assets were invoked four to five times.

The report does not disguise the fact that the situation in 1974, when insurance companies were faced with huge reductions in the value of their assets, placed a heavy burden on the insurance division of the department, despite an increase in staff from 87 to 107.

How French bank was tricked out of £2.4m

From Richard Wigg
Paris, July 22

While the police finance brigade are on the lookout across France for those involved in one of the biggest bank frauds in this country for many years, more details emerge today about how the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas fell the victim of a 23m franc (about £2.4m) "confidence trick".

According to sources, an account was opened two years ago at the bank's prestigious Opera branch on behalf of an important metals company by its managing director. The branch manager felt pleased with the newly acquired customer.

Considerable sums of money were paid in, thus building up confidence, and cheques drawn were honoured not by the metals company but three scrap iron merchants whose identity, like that of those sought now by the police, has not been revealed.

Then began the second stage of drawing cheques. By early last month some 200 had been issued, amounting to 23m francs, now missing.

The bank, one of France's leading financial groups, maintains the hope that it will still recover some of the funds paid out. In a statement it has emphasized that its profits for the first six months of this year done will be more than sufficient to offset the loss suffered.

Rank profits down

Rank Organisation's pre-tax profits in the 28 weeks to May 0 fell 6 per cent to £29.2m. The group's share of profits rom Rank Xerox rose from 30.8m to £31.4m but group rading profits fell slightly, rom £6.1m to £5.9m, while interest payable rose from £9.5m o £11.1m. Turnover was up rom £131m to £156m.

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Fears of rise in MLR deflate gilts market

By Tim Congdon

Credit was in short supply in the London discount market yesterday and the Bank of England's tactics to relieve the shortage prompted speculation of an increase in Minimum Lending Rate (MLR) on Friday. The prospect of higher interest rates caused a sharp collapse in short-dated gilts in the afternoon.

The discount houses, which meet the daily needs of the clearing banks, encountered heavy "calling" in the morning and became short of funds. They sought assistance from the Bank of England, which decided to lend them large sums at MLR for a week.

This form of assistance is normally regarded as a signal that the Bank would like to tighten up financial conditions, and was widely interpreted as a warning that MLR will rise at the Treasury bill tender to 10½ per cent, or even 11 from the present 10 per cent level.

The gilt-edged market, which had been quiet and firm, particularly at the long end, for most of the day, fell back heavily when the Bank's move became known. Losses in "shorts" were as large as 1 point on the day.

The Bank's tactics in the discount market were considered by market analysts to be a response to financial developments in the United States. The Federal Reserve system has been selling Treasury bills on a large scale since the middle of last week, which should withdraw liquidity from financial markets, raise interest rates and attract funds from other centres, including London.

If capital flows across the Atlantic became substantial, sterling might again come under pressure. It is thought that the Bank of England has decided to prevent pressure developing as a further decline in the exchange rate would not be welcome at present.

Some analysts have suggested that the Government is now opposed to a further fall in sterling and will operate interest rate policy as if Britain were on a fixed exchange rate.

Frank Vogl writes from Washington: Mr Nat Goldfinger, chief economist of the AFL-CIO trade union organization, said that recent tightening of monetary policies by the Federal Reserve were directly aimed at partially offsetting the stimulative fiscal measures passed by Congress in recent months. These views won strong support from the majority of the members of the Banking Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Committee yesterday started three days of hearings on monetary policy, and it is evident that it will demand easier monetary policies from Dr Arthur Burns, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, when he testifies before the committee tomorrow.

Furnacemen accept 24 pc wage deal

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The imminence of the Government's £6 clampdown on pay increases prompted a speedy settlement last night of the blastfurnacemen's pay dispute with the British Steel Corporation.

Leaders of the National Union of Blastfurnacemen accepted a 24 per cent wage agreement, giving 14 per cent new money from July 1, after similar deals with the process workers and craftsmen.

The agreement will run until the end of the year, and new pay proposals based on the movement in the cost of living may be pressed then for the 12 months starting on January 1.

BSC will be relieved that the last remaining manual pay deal has been struck, particularly as the blastfurnacemen have been threatening to strike unless the corporation moved closer to their 35 per cent claim.

Last night's settlement, which followed talks with the union lasting more than four hours, brings to an end the annual round of pay bargaining for blue-collar grades, and opens the way for some tough talking next week between BSC and the TUC steel committee on the operation of the May 19 agreement to cut wage costs in the industry.

US consumer prices accelerate

From Frank Vogl
Washington, July 22

Prices in the United States shot ahead in June at double the rate registered in May and at almost twice the rate expected by government economists.

The consumer price index rose last month at a seasonally adjusted rate of 0.8 per cent, due largely to increases in petrol prices and to the largest gains in food prices since last September.

Mr Ron Nessen, the White House spokesman, said that the gain was more than had been expected by the Administration and that it showed the need for continued restraint in government spending as "inflation has by no means been defeated".

The consumer prices index is now at 160.6 (1967 100) registering a 9.3 per cent advance for the last 12 months. The pace of inflation at an annual rate, as measured on the seasonally adjusted data for the last three months, is now 7.1 per cent, compared to 5 per cent in May.

Mr William Simon, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, noted that the figures "show that inflationary pressures remain a serious and continuing problem". The inflation figures were likely to "bounce around a good deal" in coming months.

One of the chief unpredictable factors in coming months is the weather and its impact on the harvest. Meat prices rose sharply in June and pushed food prices up by 1.5 per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis, which compares to a gain of 0.5 per cent in May.

This particular aspect of today's figures could well strengthen the growing demands in Congress for restraint in food exports, particularly to the Soviet Union, because of the likely inflationary impact of large sales.

Economists are now pointing out that food prices should be declining at the moment because of the excellent harvests, but the prospect of huge exports is tending to produce higher prices. The Soviet Union has already bought 8.8m metric tons of grain in the United States this year.

Non-food commodity prices showed a seasonally adjusted gain of 0.5 per cent last month after an 0.2 per cent rise in May. The Bureau of Labour Statistics, which reports the consumer price figures, noted that the commodity prices gain is largely due to sharp increases in retail petrol prices.

Seat buys Leyland assembly plant in Spain for £8.8m

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, July 22

British Leyland today sold its Pamplona car assembly plant to the Spanish company Seat for an agreed price of 1,100m pesetas (about £8.8m). The sale includes a commitment on the part of Seat to employ the workers laid off in Pamplona earlier this year when Authi, BLMC's Spanish subsidiary, ended production in Spain.

According to Spanish news reports, Authi's small Barcelona parts plant has also been sold to a spare parts supplier, for 150m pesetas (over £1m). However, no single buyer has apparently yet been found for the Authi engine plant.

It is expected that the Santander plant, which once employed more than 2,000, might be partitioned and sold to more than one buyer. The Spanish government is helping British Leyland to find a buyer or buyers because it is anxious to find new jobs for the dismissed workers.

Seat, which manufactures cars under licence from Fiat, is expected to produce the 124 model at Pamplona beginning early next year, with a target of 10,000 units per year.

Authi produced about 200,000 BLMC cars in Spain, 140,000 of them Minis.

CEGB begins closure talks

Negotiations aimed at closing many smaller and less efficient power stations have started between the Central Electricity Generating Board and unions.

Already several of the board's smaller stations in England and Wales have been put on "cold standby" this summer and, said a CEGB spokesman, some will never be needed to operate again.

Every year the board closes down 500 to 600 megawatts of generating plant that has become obsolete. It now wants to step up the rate of closures because of the downturn in electricity demand, which is about 15 per cent below the forecast.

Fresh state support scheme for textiles

By Our Industrial Editor

A new state support scheme for the clothing and textiles industry is expected to be announced by the Department of Industry before the end of this week. It may include financial assistance for stockpiling and export business as well as new grants and loans for companies undertaking new investment to raise productivity.

Import controls on textile materials and finished goods are not being proposed, but Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, in association with Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, will probably promise closer monitoring, so that problems can be quickly taken up at an international level, including the European Community.

Last May the Prime Minister promised action to help the textile industries. Since then the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Mr Varley's department have been examining various suggestions.

One of the most important support schemes to come under government scrutiny is that put forward by the economic development committee for the clothing industry, which wants £42m worth of grants and loans over the next four years to help raise productivity, cut the trade deficits on individual products and improve the basic manufacturing and supply structure.

Another idea has been the provision of state funds for stockpiling during difficult times so that companies do not miss out when business turns up again.

The Government's thinking seems to be that the Industry Act scheme for assisting the wool textile industry might be widened into a more ambitious support scheme. At the same time, its advisers feel that more investigation is needed into the reasons why a growing number of traders buy foreign goods, so that more effective substitution schemes can be backed.

Britain is expected to be given some flexibility in dealing with Hongkong imports under a new EEC deal. Whitehall has been examining the operation of multi-fibre agreements, too, as well as considering specific imports of cotton yarns from Greece and Turkey and clothing from such sources as Portugal and Eastern Europe.

The textile industry has called for a 20 per cent cut in levels of fabrics and clothing, but Whitehall has been unable to respond because of fears of international retaliation and Britain's obligations to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. However, the Government will probably say it will be ready to act on any clear cut cases of dumping by importers, but it does need stronger and specific evidence.

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£800m bond issue by BP and Sohio for Alaska pipeline finance

By Anthony Rowley

In what is the largest corporate financing deal anywhere, British Petroleum and Sohio its 25 per cent owned American associate, are raising $1,750m (about £800m) by a private placing of bonds among United States institutions.

The money will go towards financing the Alaska oil pipeline.

The issue was announced yesterday jointly by BP in London and in New York by Morgan Stanley & Company, the leading United States investment bank which is acting as agent for the bond placing.

About 50 American investment institutions, including insurance companies, pension funds and savings banks and led by the biggest United States insurance company, the Prudential (not connected with the British insurance company) will subscribe for the 10¾ per cent, average 20-year notes.

The only other United States issues which approach in size that now being made by Sohio/BP Trans Alaska Finance Inc (a joint BP and Sohio company) were made by American Telephone and Telegraph, operators of the Bell telephone system.

AT&T raised nearly $1,600m by a public offering of debentures in 1970 and $1,000m with debentures and preference stock in 1972. The BP/Sohio finance package has been exceeded only by United States Treasury borrowings and by state borrowings in the Eurodollar.

The $1,750m will be taken up over the next one-and-a-half years and used to finance a part of Sohio's and BP's interests in the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS).

A BP subsidiary, BP Pipelines, has a 15.84 per cent interest in TAPS and Sohio Pipe Line, a Sohio subsidiary, has a 33.34 per cent stake. The other leading shareholders include Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) with 21 per cent, Exxon with 20 per cent and Mobil with 5 per cent.

Thus, of the total estimated cost of TAPS (excluding interest) of $6,375m, BP Pipelines and Sohio Pipeline estimate that their share will cost them around $3,800m by completion of the project in mid-1977. Of this figure, which includes interest costs during the construction period, about $1,300m is directly attributable to BP.

Sohio/BP Trans Alaska Finance (of which BP Pipelines has 32 per cent and Sohio Pipeline 68 per cent) will relend the proceeds of the bond issue back to its two parents in return for notes "unconditionally guaranteed by the parent companies."

The joint company has already raised $250m through a public issue of 9¾ per cent debentures and a further $250m of 8¾ debentures, both in the United States.

In addition, Sohio Pipeline and BP Pipelines have arranged $950m of credit agreements with United States commercial banks. This means that altogether BP and Sohio have raised $3,200m towards their total TAPS commitment.

The prospectus for a separate $150m public debt offering by BP itself in the United States reveals that BP is now estimating its share of proven reserves in the North Sea Ninian field at 1,400,000 barrels.

This confirms that BP has downgraded its original estimates of Ninian reserves for around 1,200m barrels to something around 900m barrels.

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Monopolies inquiry on cat and dog foods

By Malcolm Brown

Mr John Methven, Director-General of Fair Trading, said yesterday that he had asked the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to report within 18 months on the £180m a year market supplying cat and dog foods.

Four main companies are involved: Pedigree Petfoods, part of the Mars group, Spillers, Quaker Oats and Carnation Foods. The Office of Fair Trading estimates that Pedigree and Spillers between them account for about 90 per cent of sales by value. Pedigree takes a major share of the canned foods market, Spillers of the biscuit market.

Commenting last night on the reference, Spillers said it was surprised that a reference should be made that would divert management attention away from the job of running an efficient business for up to a year-and-a-half.

Mr Methven, explaining his decision to make the reference, said that cat and dog foods was a very buoyant market which was dominated by Pedigree and Spillers.

While there was a lot of competition it tended to take the form of a number of different brands backed by heavy advertising. Pedigree Petfoods, for example, was estimated to have spent approximately £1m in 1972 advertising the cat foods Whiskas and Kit-E-Kat.

If a great amount of advertising expenditure was being made in relation to turnover this could be a barrier to entry by other companies. Mr Methven said.

Currencies slump may make oil nations 'switch to gold'

By Melvyn Westlake

Middle East oil exporters might be prompted by the continuing depreciation of currencies to hold their wealth in gold, according to the latest of the annual surveys of the gold market, prepared by Consolidated Gold Fields for limited circulation.

Written by Mr Peter Fells, a senior company economist, the assessment says there has been little or no redistribution of assets from oil consumers to the producers. But this situation is unlikely to persist, Mr Fells says.

The financing of oil purchases by expanding amounts of foreign exchange inevitably results in the falling relative value of the currencies employed, compared to other assets.

Oil states are, therefore, likely to become increasingly concerned to preserve the real value of their wealth, and it would be surprising if gold found no place in the strategy of preservation, Mr Fells says.

Such demands from the oil states for gold could lead, during the next 12 months to pressure for the mobilization of official gold reserves in the vaults of Western central banks.

Despite the move to reduce the metal's international monetary role, dislodging it from the vaults is proving a difficult exercise, Mr Fells says. Only the United States has translated broad intent into practical action.

No other nation at present appears to be contemplating gold sales for the purpose of achieving international monetary reform.

Exxon's £512m brings anger to Congress

The Exxon Corporation, the world's largest company, made a net profit of $1,125m (£512m) in the first half of this year Mr J. K. Jamieson, the chairman, termed the result disappointing and not in the best interests of shareholders or consumers.

While the net profit was down 24 per cent from the comparable 1974 period it was still sufficiently large to enrage many Democrats in Congress. They are now determined to force reductions in domestic retail prices of petroleum, increase oil company taxes and, despite President Ford's opposition, maintain oil price controls here.

The reduction in profit was largely due to the ending of oil depletion tax allowances and the fact that the company made giant inventory profits at the start of last year as a result of increasing the prices of its stocks of oil in line with the huge price rises enforced by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

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NatWest hit by further loss provision

National Westminster Bank, which last year set aside £45m to meet possible bad debts, has now made further provisions against advances totalling £18m.

Coming on top of a fall in trading profits from £111m in the first half of last year to £71.5m, the effect of the provisions has been to produce a downturn in half yearly pre-tax profits of 38 per cent to £53.2m.

Of the total provisions, £8m is accounted for by Lombard North Central, NatWest's consumer finance subsidiary, which revealed its results last month. The remaining £10m mainly arises from the bank's property lending, which amounts to 7 per cent of its total loan portfolio. Part of this sum results from rolled-up interest, which has fallen due and has not been paid.

After the scale of the provisions last year, further provisions of this size were not expected in the stock market, but even so NatWest's share price held level at 210p despite an initial fall of 5p.

Sir John Prideaux, the chairman, said yesterday that when he had announced the provisions at the end of last year he had been sure in his own mind the need for further provisions would not arise again.

"But since then the property scene has failed to revive, and I do not think it is excessive to say that the economic recession has deepened. The bank cannot insulate itself from the general business scene, and these figures reflect the aftermath of 1974".

No forecast is being made, but the bank says that with increased expenditure for staff and other running costs, the results for the year are likely to be lower than for 1974's £119.5m. Profits last year were depressed by a £10m pension provision, in addition to the £45m bond debt provision.

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MP calls for engineering investigation

By Derek Harris

A government inquiry into the organization of the engineering profession—described as being in "a chaotic situation" was called for last night. Subsequently Mr Arthur Palmer, Labour and Co-op MP for Bristol North-East, chairman of the Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology and himself a chartered engineer, said he would be taking parliamentary action to try to secure an inquiry.

The call for the inquiry came from the Electrical Power Engineers Association, representing 33,000 engineers in the electricity supply industry, about one third of whom are chartered engineers.

The 15 chartered engineering institutions which make up the umbrella body of the Council of Engineering Institutions are criticized by the EPEA—not themselves members of CEI—for tending "to show rivalry and jealousy of each other".

The EPEA declared: "It is generally accepted that the CEI has not succeeded in speaking for chartered engineers as a whole, largely because of the confederal structure."

According to EPEA the three major CEI institutions—the Civils, Mechanicals and Electricals—hardly troubled to conceal their view that many of the smaller institutions were superfluous and did not achieve, in the main, standards for membership insisted on by the "big three".

The EPEA wants a government inquiry to look at the best use of engineers in society, at all levels of the profession. It also wants an assessment of the usefulness or otherwise of the Privy Council judging standards and rules for institutions getting Royal Charters.

It has also called for an inquiry to look at the desirability of legislation to regulate the profession.

A key board meeting of the CEI takes place tomorrow at which members will be expected to decide on their future organization.

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 127.00—0.07
The FT index: 294.3—2.3

Rises

Barclays Bk	2p to 252p	MEPC	8p to 107p
Beecham	1p to 284p	NET	4p to 54p
EMI	2p to 173p	Rio Tinto	9p to 176p
Pisons	4p to 348p	Sandeman G	5p to 35p
GEC	4p to 123p	Seccombe Mar	10p to 250p
Hawker Sidd	4p to 254p	Sentrust	10p to 360p
Mears Bros	3p to 15p	Unilever	2p to 354p

Falls

Brit Am Tob	2p to 303p	Renold	6p to 111p
Bensons Int	15p to 165p	Selection Tst	10p to 530p
Gordon L Grp	3p to 24p	Shell	6p to 303p
Howard Mach	10p to 36p	Spencer G	2p to 28p
Lee Cooper	5p to 50p	Taylor W'row	6p to 260p
Mallinson W	3p to 27p	Vickers	1p to 127p
Municipal	5p to 110p	White Pass	30p to 470p

Equities fell back on interest rate fears.
Gilt edged securities had an eventful session.
Sterling fell by 65 points to $2.1785. The "effective devaluation" rate was 26.3 per cent.
Gold rose by $1.05 to $165.30 an oz.
SDR-$ was 1.20616 on Tuesday while SDR-£ was 0.552853.
Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,118.5 (1,112.4 on Monday).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.71	1.66
Austria Sch	39.75	37.75
Belgium Fr	87.25	84.50
Canada $	2.38	2.23
Denmark Kr	12.85	12.45
Finland Mkk	8.20	7.95
France Fr	9.50	9.20
Germany DM	5.60	5.40
Greece Dr	69.50	67.50
Hongkong $	11.15	10.75
Italy Lr	1540.00	1465.00
Japan Yn	670.00	645.00
Netherlands Gld	5.75	5.55
Norway Kr	11.75	11.40
Portugal Esc	56.50	54.50
S Africa Rd	1.87	1.79
Spain Pes	127.25	122.25
Sweden Kr	9.35	9.05
Switzerland Fr	5.90	5.70
US $	2.22	2.17
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.75	36.75

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Leyland seeking 18 pc cut in parts and service division staff

By Clifford Webb

British Leyland has begun redundancy negotiations with staff unions in its parts and service division. It is seeking a reduction of up to 18 per cent in staff, employed mainly at the Cowley and Coventry parts depots.

Last night the company was reluctant to give actual numbers of redundancies being sought among the 6,000 manual and staff employees in the division. But unofficial estimates suggest a minimum of 350.

A spokesman said: "At this stage, all the redundancies are being tackled on a voluntary basis. This is the first time we have called for volunteers in parts and service, and we are now waiting to assess the response.

"The cuts have become necessary for two reasons: the amalgamation of the parts activities of Jaguar, Rover, Triumph and Austin Morris into a single operation for all British Leyland cars, and the general recession in the motor industry."

He said the redundancies would be divided roughly equally between the specialist car parts operation at Coventry and its Austin Morris counterpart at Cowley.

More redundancies are expected in the sales and marketing departments of the three car companies after the formation of a unified department under Mr Keith Hopkins, sales director of British Leyland Cars.

A new sales headquarters is being built for the group at Redditch New Town about 12 miles from the present headquarters at Longbridge. It should be ready early next year.

The Midland holiday fortnight which began last week is delaying progress on the formation of joint management-worker committees and councils proposed by the Ryder Report. Mr Alec Park, Leyland's new managing director, recently met national union leaders and impressed upon them the need for rapid progress in worker participation arrangements.

Cutback at Xerox will affect 194 jobs

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

Xerox Corporation's decision to withdraw from the manufacture and sale of digital computers, announced late on Monday, will affect 194 people employed by Rank Xerox Data Systems in Britain, most of whom are employed in Wembley.

A company spokesman said yesterday that many of them would be needed to honour existing commitments, some of which extended seven years ahead.

Others would be offered jobs elsewhere within Rank Xerox, whose outside recruitment has been curtailed. Those leaving the company would be offered "tailor-made redundancy packages".

The decision will also clearly affect users of RXDS computers, who include hospitals, scientific laboratories and computer bureaux. Rank Xerox claims to be the largest supplier of computers to independent, commercial timesharing bureaux in the United Kingdom.

Bureau users include Comshare, Atkins Computing, and CRC. Hospital users include the new Addenbrooke Hospital in Cambridge and Charing Cross, University College and St Thomas's Hospitals in London.

In October 1973 a minor controversy arose when a Rank Xerox computer was selected by the Laboratory of the Government Chemist in preference to a Computer Technology system which had received government development support.

Other users include Warwick University, and the Government's Safety in Mines Research Establishment at Sheffield.

The Xerox decision, after losses on the company's computer operations since 1970, repeats the pattern set by General Electric (USA), which sold out its computer activity to Honeywell in May 1970, and RCA, which withdrew from the computer business in September 1971.

Swedish minister tells of £900m scheme to halt unemployment

From Our Own Correspondent
Stockholm, July 22

Sweden said today it was prepared to inject up to 8,000m kronor (about £900m) to combat threatened mass unemployment this winter.

The announcement came after industrial prognoses which showed that prosperous Sweden was finally being affected by the worldwide economic downturn.

Export orders had fallen so sharply that the country would probably experience zero economic growth this year, Mr Axel Iveroth, chairman of the Swedish Confederation of Industries, said.

Especially hard hit were shipbuilding, paper, pulp, steel and textile industries, according to a report issued by the National Institute for Economic Research.

The labour ministry stated today that the government was prepared to release up to 8,000m kronor, if necessary, to combat unemployment.

"With special efforts, we can certainly save the jobs of 200,000 Swedes", Mr Ingemund Bengtsson, the labour minister, said.

Among the measures proposed were state grants to industry to provide employees with education courses instead of lay-offs, as well as subsidies to industries which maintained full production by increasing their inventories.

Mr Bengtsson said that the National Labour Market Board would receive large financial injections for job training and retraining programmes, and that public works projects would be stepped up

Unemployment in Sweden stands at 1.4 per cent.

The minister gave a warning yesterday that the government was deeply concerned by a spate of wildcat strikes, which he said could threaten exports and reduce employment. About 120 such strikes had taken place in Sweden during the first six months of this year, he said.

Datsun denies big 'effort' as UK sales rise by 63 pc

Powerful ammunition for the advocates of restrictions on Japanese car imports is provided by the latest figures from Nissan manufacturers of Datsun cars and leading import seller in Britain.

The figures show that while Datsun exports worldwide increased by only 2 per cent in the first half of this year compared with last year, sales in Britain rose by 63 per cent—from 23,834 cars to 38,975.

However, a spokesman for Datsun UK denied that the company was sending more cars to Britain this year than it did in 1974. "We have consistently said that we shall only sell the same number of cars this year as last", he said.

Union hits back: Mr Ray Edwards, assistant general secretary of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (APEX) said yesterday that British unions will not stand idly by and watch Japanese car imports put their members on the dole. In a letter to Mr Maxwell Boyd, press and public relations manager of Datsun UK, he said: "The present trend in imports from Japan against the background of the general situation facing the car industry is a prescription for one of the major car companies in Britain going out of business."

Dearer Volkswagens: Volkswagen (GB) said yesterday it would be increasing the prices of all VW and Audi cars by an average of 3 per cent in August.

Hongkong pact covers 14 products

Brussels, July 22.—A total of 14 categories of textile products are affected by an agreement between the European Community and Hongkong under which Hongkong accepts voluntary limitations on its textile exports to EEC countries.

A European Commission statement yesterday said a draft agreement was concluded on Friday. It would be formally initialled "in a few days and be brought into de facto effect without delay".

Actual quantitative ceilings were not disclosed by the commission. But it gave details of the annual growth allowed for items in the 14 categories.

For woven fabrics of cotton and synthetic textile fibres, discontinuous or waste, unbleached or bleached, and other than unbleached or bleached, a growth of 7 per cent is allowed.

For undergarments, knitted or crocheted, such as shirts, T-shirts, undervests, singlets and the like, a growth rate of 2.5 per cent was agreed. For outer garments such as jerseys, pullovers, slipovers, twinsets, cardigans, bedjackets and jumpers, a 2 per cent rise is permitted. For bathing costumes and trunks, trousers, skirts, dresses, frocks, combination sets and infants' garments there is to be an annual increase of 8.5 per cent.

Growth rates on other clothing were also agreed.

Law may be tightened on unsafe goods

A possible strengthening of the Consumer Protection Act to guard more positively against unsafe goods on sale to the general public is being considered by the Government. A closer monitoring of accident-prone products is envisaged.

This was indicated yesterday by Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, speaking at the annual conference of the British Standards Institution.

He said: "Children suffocated in self-locking refrigerators or nearly strangled by the draw-cords of anoraks are just two tragic examples which show the importance of ensuring that proper design standards are observed."

In an attempt to enable those products which feature more regularly in accidents to be identified, a "permanent accident-surveillance data-collection system" based on the casualty units of hospitals is being studied.

£50m EEC aid likely for energy project

From David Cross
Brussels, July 22

The European Community is planning to contribute about £50m towards the building of a giant experimental plant to produce energy by thermonuclear fusion.

A draft for the project, known as the Joint European Torus (Jet), has been produced by a team of European scientists working at Culham, Oxfordshire. But, partly because of a lack of suitable energy supplies at Culham, the new prototype is expected to be set up at Ispra in Italy, where one of the EEC's research centres is already sited.

Construction of Jet would be the centrepiece of a £300m EEC research programme into thermonuclear fusion and plasma physics over the next five years. If the experiment is a success, it could be the basis for a long-term programme which would provide the whole Community with a cheap source of energy at the end of the century.

Announcing the plans at a press conference in Brussels today, Herr Guido Brunner, European Commissioner for Research, said that work on the development of thermonuclear fusion was more advanced in Europe than in either the United States or the Soviet Union. It was important for the Community to provide enough funds for this lead to be maintained.

Manpower group gets £8.5m more for training

A further £8.5m is to be injected by the Government into the Manpower Service Commission's training programme over the next two years.

Measures are expected to include grants to some employers to stimulate apprenticeship recruitment, more help for young people and extra training for unskilled or semi-skilled people to craft or technician status.

Sir Denis Barnes, the commission's chairman, said the new measures would add to those made possible by £50m allocated in the Budget.

Advance booking plea by airlines

By Arthur Reed

Advance booking charter tariffs between Britain and North America should not increase by more than 10 per cent next year over 1975 wholesale and retail fare levels, the ABC operators' council has told the Civil Aviation Authority.

Any big rise in fare levels for 1976 would inevitably reduce further the potential charter market, which could not be good for the airlines looking to the ABC operators to expand the market, the operators' brief to the CAA claimed.

The ABC operators told the CAA that the advantage of their fares should be a fixed percentage of 25 per cent against the advance purchase exclusion (Apex) fares of the scheduled airlines, no matter what the fare combination and season.

Slow recovery for Japanese economy

Tokyo, July 22.—Economic recovery in Japan is progressing much slower than expected, according to Mr Masayoshi Ohira, the Finance Minister. He said today that personal consumption, private capital investment and exports continued to stagnate. The only way to revive the economy was to increase public expenditure.

The government's revenue shortfall was 768,600m yen (about £11,000m) in the fiscal year ended March 31. Judging by latest statistics it will be much larger this year.—Reuter.

Computer system for gas turbines launched

A computer-based control system for gas-turbine engines which is claimed to be unique was launched yesterday by Ultra Electronics, London. Automotive and Industrial gas-turbine systems are seen as the main initial markets, though the device can also be programmed for aviation and marine use.

The system gives an exact control over engine performance and, in industrial applications, claims to give simpler control and to be about 30 per cent cheaper than other solutions.

£15m Irish vinyl plant

The GAF Corporation of America is to build a £15m plant at Millingar, Southern Ireland to produce sheet vinyl flooring. Work on the factory is expected to begin in October and is scheduled to finish by mid 1977.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unnecessary alarm over NI contribution scheme

From the Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security

Sir, Your readers may have been unnecessarily alarmed by Mr Cunningham's letter (July 14) about the new National Insurance contribution arrangements.

The circumstances of people who have more than one employment, or who are self-employed as well as employed, are obviously not as straightforward as those of someone with only one job. But it is not true that employed people who earn a penny over and above their salary thereby become liable to pay £125 extra in Class 2 contributions for that year. The rules are more sensible than that.

First, someone who has an isolated week of work as a self-employed earner does not become liable for Class 2 contributions merely on that account. The regulations make it clear that any employment as a self-employed earner will be disregarded where the person concerned is not ordinarily self-employed.

Secondly, even if someone is ordinarily self-employed as well as being employed, he can apply for exception from contribution liability if his earnings from that self-employment are small—below £675 a year. He can apply for this exception at any time at his DHSS local office.

It is only if his earnings from that self-employment are more substantial that the question of Class 4 contributions can arise at all, since they are not payable on self-employed profits or gains of under £1,600 a year. In that event, he can apply to defer payment of these contributions. Ordinarily, applications should reach the Newcastle Central Office of DHSS by April 6 but this year, being the first year of the new arrangements, a special extension was given to June 6.

We are aware that deferment application forms have been in short supply at some of our local offices. If an application is late for this reason it will still be considered.

We trust that any of your readers who have minimal or small earnings from self-employment will not be misled into thinking that they are now debarred from sorting out their position with their local social security office.

Mr Cunningham's application has now been dealt with.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL MEACHER,
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Alexander Fleming House,
Elephant and Castle,
London, SE1.

Elitism of chartered engineers

From Dr Raymond Sharp

Sir, Over the past 12 months, a debate on the reorganization of the Council of Engineering Institutions has taken place both in the CEI and in your columns. A large number of engineers, whether chartered or not, have a considerable interest in the outcome.

As a non-chartered institution with about 9,000 members, we too have an interest in the final shape of the professions' governing body. The majority of our members are already chartered engineers and our particular concern is not therefore standards, but the apparent elitism of some of the chartered institutions.

Engineers cover a wide spectrum of interests, often specializing in several aspects during their working life, hence the large number of specialist engineering institutions. The CEI, or whatever it is finally named, cannot attempt to represent engineers of the specialist institutions with chartered standards, unless there are formal links. Hence the importance of there being affiliate institutions, and their having a voice on the CEI Council.

It is necessary for the CEI to move away from the federal approach which, while serving a valuable role in 1965, has outlived its usefulness. The CEI can be likened to the United Nations with its one country one vote, which is widely recognized as being ineffective and impotent. Engineers, both chartered and not, wish to see a strong active body at the centre which the CEI patently is not.

It should welcome the opportunity to confer chartered status on engineers who have achieved a suitable standard. Direct elections to the council should be instituted so that, in addition to the chartered bodies, individual chartered engineers can feel involved in their governing body. Indeed, all its actions should be designed ultimately to assist the engineer and the community, not the institutions themselves.

Some of the country's more inventive minds are those of engineers. Let not the much needed reorganization of the profession come to nought because of a short-sighted—even fearful—minority.

Yours faithfully,
DR RAYMOND SHARP,
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14 Queen's Gate,
London, SW1.
July 17.

How to beat cheque card frauds

From Mr H. A. Holman

Sir, Mr Williams, in his letter (July 15) mentioned the Post Office's refusal to accept cheques supported by guarantee cards due to the unacceptably high level of frauds.

This bank has faced the problem of cheque guarantee card frauds by introducing a system which incorporates a colour photograph of the account holder on the card.

This system has been used for some years in America, and it shows that frauds connected with the wrongful user of a card have been virtually eliminated.

H. A. HOLMAN,
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Security Trust Co Ltd,
9 Temple Street,
Birmingham, 2.

Treasury action on TV rental rate an injustice

From Mr A. G. Horsnail

Sir, Ten to twelve million families had television rental contracts outstanding before Budget day, 1975.

When they made their decisions to rent one, two or in some cases five years ago, they did so on the basis of the costs of buying for cash, hire-purchase and rental at the time.

It is an injustice on these ten to twelve million families to see the Treasury try to raise the VAT rate on these old rental contracts to 25 per cent. The proposed tax change undermines consumers' choice and judgment.

In correspondence I have had with the Ministry for Prices and Consumer Affairs a spokesman in HM Customs and Excise says: "I accept there will be differences between the amounts of VAT being paid by purchasers and renters, and that this may be especially so in the case of rental contracts entered into before May 1." . . . "it may be that, in general those who rent sets are the less well off in the community."

Is it really the intention of the Government to undermine consumer choice and, in particular, to jeopardize the poor? Such a development looks like collision course tax law.

Here's hoping the amendment to the Finance Bill last Friday clings on to its slender majority of one vote. Any other outcome would be a tragedy.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. HORSNAIL,
Clophill, Bedford.

From Mr M. P. G. Bull

Sir, You reported (July 18) the Treasury's estimated loss of £200m to £250m on Television rentals due to the Government's defeat in the Finance Bill, but the increase of VAT to 25 per cent was not intended solely to increase revenue. The Chancellor's objective was to discourage consumption of certain products and assist the trade balance in the case of those products imported.

For example, according to radio industry statistics, 95 per cent of all radios, cassette recorders, etc, sold in the United Kingdom are imported—25 per cent VAT will render many more charges for the repair of these same products uneconomic and as a direct result, purchases of new (imported) sets as replacement must increase.

The attack on the wastefulness of the higher VAT on repairs (not reported by you) was therefore arguing for the Government's own aim, and the Treasury's contention that 25 per cent VAT on the material content of a repair but not the labour, would be impossibly complicated, was irrelevant. This would be no different to having Purchase Tax on valve and other parts but not on labour as hitherto.

If the Government's aim of curtailing imports of radios etc. by increasing VAT to 25 per cent is to remain consistent VAT on the repair of these must be reduced or abolished.

Yours faithfully,
M. P. G. BULL,
Chairman,
Interservice Electronics
Southend, Essex.



Plessey: good results despite adverse world conditions

☐ £27.3 million pre-tax profits ☐ £318.9 million sales worldwide
☐ £40 million exports from UK ☐ 31% of turnover from overseas

Such good results are largely due to the vigorous efforts of management and employees. Export and profit performance, despite all difficulties, has been creditable. Pre-tax profit for the nine months period ended 31st March 1975 of £27.3 million is an 8.6 per cent margin on sales of £318.9 million.

Sir John Clark, Chairman and Chief Executive of The Plessey Company Limited, said in his report to shareholders that the results Plessey had achieved are as good as could reasonably be expected in the face of so many adverse external factors: these included an unprecedented rate of inflation in the UK; the resulting erosion of British industrial competitiveness in overseas markets; the world recession, particularly in consumer products and in the USA; adverse tariff decisions and political and economic instability in some overseas areas of Plessey operations.

HEALTHY ORDER BOOKS
Plessey equipment Businesses, particularly in electronic fields, have healthy order books and have made material progress. But reduction in demand for consumer products has affected hi-fi and audio business and electronic component sales at home and overseas.

Some further points from Sir John's report

Telecommunications
Export order intake is particularly encouraging. Nearly a third of telephone exchange contracts completed were for electronic exchanges, a proportion that will increase as the successful TXE 2 type exchange is joined by the TXE 4. Pentex electronic telephone exchanges are now available in transportable containers and this system can cater for small rural or large urban exchanges. It has opened the way to new overseas markets.

Radar
Business expanded in overseas defence and civil aviation fields. The order book is higher than ever.

Avionics and Communications
There was marked improvement in profitability in the period under review.

Electronic Components
Exciting new components provide a solid base for exploiting market recovery when it comes.

Microsystems
Semiconductor business showed significantly improved profitability, especially in the USA and Europe. Memories for computers also showed improved profitability.

Marine
This Plessey Division showed a significant improvement in profitability and cash flow.

Garrard
Affected by downturn in consumer demand – especially in the USA – the Business has been streamlined and now faces the future confidently.

Dynamics
Performance of this Division was satisfactory against the general economic background. Although fall-off in demand was experienced in Aerospace and Hydraulics, both these areas have satisfactory order books.

Research
New activities resulting from work at the Allen Clark Research Centre, Caswell, include a facility for metal oxide silicon large-scale integrated circuits and a new Business in the microprocessor field. Research continues into new memory technologies of holography and magnetic bubbles.

EEC Benefits
Britain's EEC membership is in all our interests. Plessey exports to the EEC were £3 million in 1972 – they have risen to an annual rate of £9 million in the period under review. They could well be £40 million by 1979!

Employment and Stability
Britain's membership of the EEC means Plessey can plan for investment and the growth in Europe this will bring. Greater job stability will stem from this.

Overseas
The US aerospace industry continued strongly despite the recession, and Plessey can report substantial gains in turnover and profits for this sector of our American business. Profit performance here will be substantially improved over the year ended. Increased volumes of business have been experienced in Brazil, Africa, South-East Asia, South Africa and the Middle East. But operations in Australia and Portugal were badly affected by economic tariffs and political factors.

UK Economy and Outlook
If inflation is not reduced substantially within the next months the nation's competitive position will be seriously undermined. The Plessey Company trades internationally in 136 countries and its progress cannot be considered in isolation from difficult world trading conditions. A dramatic upturn cannot be expected until the general level of world trade improves.

The Annual General Meeting of The Plessey Company Limited will be held on Thursday, 21st August 1975 at 11.45 a.m. at Millbank Tower, London SW1.
In the light of Treasury regulations, the Board has recommended a final dividend of 0.87293 pence a share. Together with the interim dividends of 2.15 pence a share already paid or declared this will amount to 3.02293 pence a share for the nine month period which results from the change of the Company's year end. If approved, the final dividend will be paid on 2nd January 1976 to shareholders whose names are in the Register at the close of business on 24th November 1975.
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To the Holders of
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8¾% Guaranteed Debentures Due 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture dated as of August 15, 1971 providing for the above Debentures, said Debentures aggregating $1,125,000 principal amount bearing the following serial numbers have been selected for redemption on August 15, 1975, through operation of the Sinking Fund, at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said date:

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Payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the above Debentures with coupons due August 15, 1976 and subsequent coupons attached at the offices of any of the following: the **corporate trust office of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street, New York, New York 10015**, the main offices of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt am Main, London, Paris and Zürich, the main offices of Banca Morgan Vonwiller S.p.A. in Milan and Rome, the main office of Bank Mees & Hope N.V. in Amsterdam and the main office of Banque Générale du Luxembourg S.A. in Luxembourg. Coupons due August 15, 1975 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

On and after August 15, 1975 interest shall cease to accrue on the Debentures selected for redemption.

GENERAL MOTORS OVERSEAS FINANCE N.V.

Dated: July 10, 1975

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

NatWest makes more provisions

Yet another bout of provisions from National Westminster Bank left the stock market quite unmoved yesterday, the shares dipping at first before recovering to an unchanged 210p after the news, but then the market has long since demonstrated that it regards such matters as largely immaterial. My own view is that they should not be so lightly shrugged off.

In February, when it set aside £45m, NatWest was assuring us it had taken a thoroughly conservative view of its possible exposure to losses on its property advances, and it therefore seemed reasonable to conclude that the slate had been well and truly wiped clean. But now we are confronted with a further £18m of provisions for more than £10m, since £8m relates to provisions already revealed by Lombard North Central)—not much in the context of a loan book of nearly £9,000m, but nasty enough against a trading surplus which was in any case down by more than a third at £71.5m.

Either one must conclude that an insufficiently vigorous axe was wielded last year or that NatWest is taking an even more jaded view of the property market than it did, and whichever one takes to be true it is now a great deal less possible to be confident that this time the troubles really have been tackled at source. The more the banks' provisions come out in dribs and drabs the harder it will be to see a revival of ratings in a sector which has underperformed the industrial market anyway since the last annual results.

Nor is there much encouragement to be derived from the trading picture. True, profits have been depressed to the extent that NatWest is now meeting its pension commitments in full out of current trading profits rather than through periodic extra provisions to meet inflationary needs. But even so profits are towards the lower end of expectations, allowing for the treatment of Lombard.

The deposit mix has improved, with wholesale money now down to less than 20 per cent of the total compared to nearly a third at its peak, but in the meantime the bank has had to contend with falling interest rates, while an increase of only 3 per cent in loans and deposits since last year-end is a clear pointer to the dismal level of borrowing demand. The general market expectation that NatWest might nonetheless top last year's post-provision profits must now be reckoned misplaced on the bank's own estimates.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £385m
Pre-tax profits £53.3m (£86.1m)
Dividend gross 6.57p (3.97p)

BP/Sohio

Balance sheet impact

The 10¾ per cent coupon that BP/Sohio is having to pay on its $1,750m of loan notes is obviously not as good as the best "triple A" terms but there is always an interest rate penalty in a private placing over a public issue.

It was the sheer size of the requirement that dictated the type of fund raising vehicle, and the two groups' judgment has been vindicated at least by the response to the offer. Whereas the original offering was for $750m, with the hope of perhaps reaching $1,250m, it was in fact BP/Sohio, rather than the subscribing institutions, which eventually cut off the demand at $1,750m.

However, if the 10¾ per cent notes, due 1993 and 1998, offer the United States life insurance companies in particular an ideal asset to match their non-profit liabilities they also offer BP/Sohio a less uncertain financing prospect than a floating rate bank finance package, *à la* North Sea Forties field, for much of its TAPS commitment. Moreover, this long-term funding in the bond market will cut down reliance on short term bank credit and own commercial paper issues in the United States.

The TAPS financing will be reflected directly in BP's own balance sheet—to the tune of some $1,300m by the time the bonds are drawn down and residual financing arranged, in 1977. However, total finance debts (as revealed in the SEC prospectus for the BP $150m public debt offering) are currently around 15 per cent of shareholders' funds, net of the £1,000m cash balance in the group. TAPS and remaining Forties field financing could raise that to around 40 per cent but that takes no account of depreciation of, say £400m, and other less easily quantifiable cash flow over the next two years. In short, BP looks justified in feeling "fairly comfortable" over the prospects of financing Alaska and the North Sea without recourse to any substantial equity funding operation.

Rank Organisation

Marginally down

Rank Organisation had given ample warning that the first half figures were going to offer little to shout about, and so it turns out with the interim pre-tax figure running 6 per cent down at £29.2m—last year's figures having been adjusted to take account of the Xerox move to write off development expenditure as incurred. And within the overall total the swings and roundabouts are not especially surprising either. The group's share of Rank Xerox profits have continued to push ahead, albeit at the relatively sedate pace of 2 per cent, while trading profits work out marginally lower at £5.9m—slight improvements in several of the leisure activities (excluding hotels) and sharply higher profits from Rank Industries Australia (on the back of the start-up of colour television) being offset by larger losses at Rank Radio International and continuing problems at Rank Optics.

On top of this interest charges are up from £9.5m to £11.1m, and the implication of an outstanding capital spending programme of some £60m would seem to be that these are not going to come down all that fast despite the recent fund raising operation. Throw in the cloud over domestic consumer spending over the next 12 months and it looks very much as if any relative strength in the shares—the "A" yield a prospective 7.1 per cent at 140p—is going to depend on a recovery in momentum at Rank Xerox in the first half of 1976.

Interim: 1974/75 (1973/74)
Capitalization £238m
Sales £156m (£131m)
Pre-tax profits £29.2m (£31.1m)
Dividend gross 3.37p (3.26p)

Taylor Woodrow

Overseas strength

Overseas earnings, which have been playing a progressively larger role in Taylor Woodrow's profits, have again improved at the interim stage and must now account for over 50 per cent of the group total. And it is a trend that is likely to increase with the company looking increasingly to foreign markets in anticipation of the predicted downturn at home next year.

So far this year, losses in Nigeria have been eliminated and Australia, while not yet back into the black and with some not particularly enviable contracts to complete, has cut back its losses. The Monarch Group in Canada, however, was not able to escape the effects of the housing cutback which affected results at the end of last year and in the first quarter of this year, but it is still said to be doing well enough and, hopefully, the dull patch is now over. Meanwhile, Middle East prospects continue to look good.

Not that all the action has been overseas. The home market has also contributed to the 32 per cent pre-tax increase, even if not in as high a proportion as the overseas operations. Here the story has been one of a good recovery in housebuilding—though it is not back to the 1973 levels—but with some of the improvement offset by a fall off in the civil engineering side.

While present order books are healthily up at £300m—with the United Kingdom alone accounting for £173m—next year's prospects are not that bopeful at home with government inspired public spending cutbacks and a deepening economic crisis. But at least liquidity has improved since the year-end, largely thanks to a good flow of progress payments on major contracts.

The interim figures failed to generate any market enthusiasm, which left the shares 6p down at 260p, a fall of 10p in two days. However, with the second six months traditionally the better half, year-end profits of about £13.5m could be in order. This would give a prospective p/e, based on the assumption of a maintained tax charge, of just over 8, but a yield of only 3 per cent (assuming a maximum 10 per cent dividend increase) remains a drawback.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £49.9m
Sales £119m (£89m)
Pre-tax profits £4.7m (£3.6m)
Dividend gross 2.019p (1.959p)

Inveresk

Yield attractions

With interim profits more than halved Inveresk would, on the face of it, appear hard put to justify anything better than a maintained net interim payment. On the other hand last year's distribution was five times covered and, however parlous present trading conditions may be, Inveresk is still the proud possessor of a very healthy balance sheet. Due to the increase in pulp prices and the depreciation of sterling, stocks have increased in value, but in volume terms they have held steady; and with the group making money even during the difficult second quarter liquidity is still strong.

Under these circumstances the 13.5 per cent which the shares are yielding at 49½p—assuming no increase in the net payout—looks safe enough. And there must be a reasonable chance of an increase in the final dividend—although that is likely to be based not so much on an improvement in profitability in the second half as on a more cheerful climate towards the end of the year as paper and board supplies, hopefully, tighten to reflect economic recovery in the United States. Even if the management plays it safe, the shares are a good buy for recovery.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £6.49m
Sales £15.94m (£16.22m)
Pre-tax profits £1.28m (£2.57m)
Dividend gross 1.92p (1.87p)

Arthur Shenfield looks at the life of Professor Hayek, a Nobel prizewinner, whose ideas form an important strand of the present economic debate in Britain

A prophet coming into his own?

To be a highly respected figure in the scholarly world for half a century, to teach and write prolifically in all that period on subjects close to the urgent interests of the general public, and yet to become really well known to that public only in the late evening of one's life—and suddenly—can be the lot only of the rarest of men.

At the age of 75 Professor Friedrich Hayek was awarded the Nobel Prize for economics last November; and now editors, financial journalists, even television pundits, are turning to him for an answer to the economic problems that have nagged us for a generation.

It is of course the end of Keynesianism which has caused this sudden awareness of Hayek. Hayek exposed the errors which came to be embodied in Keynesianism over forty years ago, but for many reasons the world would not listen.

Those who know him personally know him to be the very embodiment of the cloistered scholarly virtues. Calm, reflective, courteous in all controversy, and standing apart from the rough and tumble which now characterizes the academic world almost as much as the worlds of politics and business, he was not the man to descend to the hustings for the propagation of his views. Hence the world had to wait for events themselves to explode the ideas which held it in their grip.

Professor Hayek's generosity and punctiliousness in controversy are well displayed in his observations on Keynesianism. He is quick to recognize that Keynes himself would have anathematized it if he had lived longer, but truth compels him to show that Keynesianism is not without roots in Keynes's own often erratic teaching.

What is odd about the sudden recognition of Hayek's greatness as an economist is the fact that for the past 30 years his main interest has not been economics but fundamental political and legal theory. Thus, what is perhaps his greatest work, *The Constitution of Liberty*, is in the latter field (though it displays the hand of a political philosopher who is also an economist).

It is a work which will rank imperishably among the classics of political philosophy. Since Hayek's perception of society is in a direct line of descent from that of the specifically British scholars of the Enlightenment (as opposed to the French). No doubt Locke and Hume, Smith and Burke, are now looking down on him from the Heaven reserved for such men and marvelling that out of Vienna there has sprung a thinker of their own sterling stamp, while the politicians and most of the scholars of their own now distressed country have strayed far from the path which they opened up.

Hayek's career has four phases. He was born in Vienna in 1899, and thus was just old enough to glimpse the charm of the Austrian civilization which died in World War One. From 1927 to 1931 he was director of the Austrian Institute for Economic Research, and from 1929 to 1931 he taught economics at the University of Vienna.

In 1931 the London School of Economics invited him to take its Tooke Chair, mainly at the instance of Lionel Robbins, to whose sure eye for an authentic academic thoroughbred the School and all British scholarship are thus deeply indebted.

He stayed at the School until 1950, becoming in 1938 a naturalized British subject, which he still is. In England, between the wars, he found still alive many admirable features of the pre-1914 civilization which had departed from Austria, though obviously the seeds of decay had been sown even in England.

In 1950 he went to the University of Chicago, that superb home of learning and the most celebrated centre in the United States of champions of the free market economy and of the free society of which that economy is the shield and support.



Professor Hayek: embodiment of scholarly virtues.

There he stayed until 1962, when he entered his fourth phase by returning to German-speaking territory. From 1962 to 1969 he held a Chair at Frieburg-in-Baden-B, the academic home of the late Professor Eucken and his neo-liberals. No other place in Germany could have been more congenial to him. Retiring in 1969, he came back to his native Austria, where he is now a Visiting Professor at University of Salzburg.

Hayek's work falls into three main parts: pure economic theory (*Monetary Theory and the Trade Cycle*, 1929; *Prices and Production*, 1931; and *The Pure Theory of Capital*, 1941); problems of economic policy (*Collectivist Economic Planning*, 1935; *Monetary Nationalism and International Stability*, 1937, etc); and social and political philosophy and legal theory (*The Road to Serfdom*, 1944; *Individualism and Economic Order*, 1948; *The Counter-revolution of Science*, 1952; *The Constitution of Liberty*, 1960; *Studies in Philosophy, Politics and Economics*, 1966; *Law, Legislation and Liberty*, 1974, etc).

The essence of Hayek's teaching in economics, which is at last attracting the attention of the general public, is to be found in the earliest works listed above.

It was not then worked out with complete success (except perhaps in *The Pure Theory of Capital* which, though still saluted by specialists in capital theory, has never made the full impact that it merited); but there is enough in those works for a foundation for the revival of the understanding of economic processes without which we shall not solve our problems.

However, one may forecast with some confidence that Hayek's most precious legacy to posterity will be found in the third group of works. *The Road to Serfdom* is the famous essay which warned the world that centralized economic planning would inevitably lead to the end of the liberal society which was mankind's highest social achievement.

Since it was a tract for the general reader, did he not here abandon the stance of the cloistered scholar in favour of that of the propagandist, so out of character for him? The answer is no. There is a sense in which it was propaganda, but not of the kind for which the word is used pejoratively.

In fact the tract was a work of scholarship in every line. It is true that there is a sense in which the western world has by-passed its warnings. For it foresaw the downward slide to serfdom as the specific result of centralized economic planning, and if the West had persisted with such planning, so dear to the "intellectuals" of Hayek's time of writing, we should have by now reached the end of that road.

Instead we have taken the road of inflation, governmental profligacy, and uncoordinated governmental interference with the market; but this must lead us to the serfdom that Hayek foresaw just as certainly as central planning, if more slowly. Indeed, since uncoordinated governmental market interference can lead only to chaos, it will itself produce a clamour for true central planning, and thus bring us to serfdom by Hayek's original road.

The encouraging reception of *The Road to Serfdom* induced Hayek to found the Mont Pelerin Society, which is now a world-wide company of scholars committed to the defence and advancement of the free society. As its president from 1947 to 1960, and its honorary president since then, he has been its inspiration and guiding light from the beginning.

Commencing with *The Road to Serfdom*, Hayek's works of the last thirty years are essentially of one piece. They argue, in marvellously fair, temperate, penetrating and comprehensive manner, four basic propositions.

First, that the institutions which are the warp and woof of society arise from human action but not from human design; and hence that attempts to design society are fatal to its goodness.

Second, that in a free society law is essentially found, not made; so that it is not normally the mere will of rulers, be they kings or democratic majorities.

Third, that the Rule of Law not only is the first and foremost principle of the free society, but also is dependent upon the two conditions set out above.

Fourth, that the Rule of Law requires men to be treated equally, but not only does not require them to be made equal but is undermined by attempts to do so.

Few other scholars, if any, have adorned the social sciences in our time as Hayek has done. It was time for the Nobel Prize Committee to recognize his eminence.

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Confusion in the markets for hot drinks

Confusion is probably the mildest word to describe the present state of the markets in the hot drinks business—coffee, cocoa and tea. So far as coffee is concerned exceptionally severe frosts in Brazil have, by all accounts, ruined next year's crop. Obviously the result has been rocketing prices on the London market—from £524.50 a metric ton for "spot" July on Thursday, July 17, to £675 on Friday and to £860 on Monday.

The market may be expected to settle back somewhat from these levels in the fortnight it is going to take to assess the full damage, but it is already clear that the effects are going to spread beyond next year's crop because the young trees, always the most vulnerable to adverse weather, have been so damaged that it may be three to four years before they produce.

There is a further fear that growers, unless the Brazilian Government steps in rapidly and generously, may pull up their coffee trees and switch to crops which give a faster return, such as soyabeans or wheat, soyabeans having the added attraction of being less at the mercy of the weather.

One third of the world's coffee crop comes from Brazil, the main growing area being Parana state, which has been the worst hit by the frosts. The Brazilians had hoped to produce 28 million 60-kilo bags in the next crop but the best outlook at the moment is for only 10 million or 12 million bags. Longer-term production is anybody's guess.

Manufacturers in the United Kingdom do not have large stocks of coffee; cash flow problems and the ever-mounting cost of money have seen to that. Enough for eight to 12 weeks' consumption would be a reasonable estimate, so that replenishment is a continuing process and at whatever prices may be reigning.

Buying now for delivery in September, a manufacturer would have to pay around £715 a metric ton, compared with £480 a week ago, a rise of 49 per cent. Probably wholesalers and retailers have no more than two to three weeks' supplies on hand.

The inevitable result is that by the last quarter of the year shop prices in the United Kingdom of both blended and instant coffees can be expected to be well up. Instant coffees retailing at about 40p per jar could be as much as 8p dearer.

Prices in the cocoa market have been bewildering since early in July, the "spot" rate having climbed from £473 a metric ton on July 1 to £622 on Monday, with retreats of around £30 to £40 having provided hiccups on the way.

Current worries include whether the Brazil frosts have hit the areas in which cocoa is grown and reports that rains and low temperatures may have set off an attack of brown pod rot in the crop in Bahia state, Brazil.

News about the level of grindings in various countries has had its impact too. Second quarter figures from the United States were not as bad as expected—10.8 per cent down instead of the forecast 15 to 20 per cent—and prices rose between £14 and £29 a metric ton.

Next, figures from West Germany showed that instead of a 5 to 15 per cent drop in the second quarter, there had been a 7.2 per cent rise. Even though these figures were considered to be suspect, prices went up between £45 and £43 a tonne.

The third set of grinding figures, from the United Kingdom, showed a 30 per cent drop on 1974 when only a 25 per cent drop had been expected. This pushed the September price down £25 and the next day a market report forecasting, among other things, a continuing decline in world consumption, helped to depress prices further.

But then, last Thursday, general euphoria about grain deals with Russia, and reports—heavily denied by the Soviet Union—that Russia had placed an order of at least 150,000 long tons for sugar from the Philippines, helped prices to rise by between £27 and £19.

Whether the cocoa market will remain bullish is open to doubt; many experts think not. So that the chances that current high prices will persist and work their way through to the retail cocoa and confectionery shelves are far less than is the case with coffee.

Next tea: and here the news is dominated by the decision of Ceylon to take over the holdings of British companies in the country. The outlook for the British tea drinker is reassuring in that United Kingdom retail prices are unlikely to be affected whatever the outcome. Only 15 per cent of a £150m-a-year market consists of Ceylon tea.

Nevertheless, it is a nail-biting situation for the plantation owners in that they do not know whether the plantations will be nationalized for sure: what rate of compensation they will receive if so and whether any compensation paid will be in blocked rupees.

Prevelent feeling is that if the government assumes command of the plantations, both output and quality will suffer in the long run. There is no confidence whatever in any government as managers of plantations and in the case of Ceylon it is pointed out that a takeover will have a frightening effect on the experienced managers who are used to working for the British.

The outlook on compensation is far from clear and even Brooke Bond Liebig, who sold their three remaining estates to the government, do not know what is to happen about the 2m rupees they have been paid and which has been put into a blocked account.

They are awaiting permission to inject this money into their company, Brooke Bond (Ceylon).

The price paid to BBL worked out at under £50 an acre which is unlikely to satisfy the remaining companies for plantations which they value at around six times this figure per acre.

That the Ceylon government has not yet made up its mind on this burning topic is shown by the fact that Mr Geoffrey de Glanville, president of the Ceylon Association, which represents planters, has been asked to postpone for about 10 days a visit to Colombo to discuss the nationalization plans.

Wallace Jackson

Business Diary: Joe King apart • Yes, we have no Banabans

The anti-Marketeers who engineered the great Left-wing coup of 1972, which ousted Brussels boy Jack Peel from the TUC General Council, must be wondering why they bothered.

Why? Because their nominee to the corridors of power of Great Russell Street is quitting after just three years.

Joe King, general secretary of the Rochdale based Textile and Allied Workers' Union (formerly, and embarrassingly named the Card Blowing and Ring Room Operatives, you will recall) will next week announce his departure from the trade union scene to become a full time industrial adviser to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service's office in Manchester.

King, a genial Lancashire lad, was swept on to the General Council by Left-wing votes scarcely canvassed for in the 1972 political rerun of the War of the Roses, when he and guitar-strumming, loud mouthed Jack Peel—general secretary of the Bradford-based Dyers and Bleachers—for the textile seat on the General Council.

Peel went off to the EEC headquarters in Brussels, his wounded pride perhaps salved by the fat salary which is not open to British labour movement leaders. Peel's successor, Ted Dyson, must now be well placed to regain the seat for the White Rose, particularly as the union has shown less of the Peel-style moderation in its voting.

Though it may be the most gossipy, the textile seat is not the only—or the most important—seat to become vacant on the general council when Congress meets in Blackpool in six weeks' time. Some other luminaries are stepping down from the stage.

Lord Greene, of the railwaymen ("I shall have to consult my executive") has retired, and is expected to be replaced by his successor Mr Sidney Weighell) "I must do as my executive tells me"). Sir David Davies vacates the steel seat, and there may be a strong contest here between his successor Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, and Mr Hector Smith, the droll blastfurnacemen's leader.

All in all, the general council elections promise to provide a more entertaining personal battle this year, by contrast with the dull Left-Right politics of the past few years. Old hands at the game must be licking their lips at the prospect of purely personal dog-fights.

Up the Isle

Who are those mysterious men, the British Phosphate Commissioners, the same who now look on as a High Court judge and his retinue prepare to descend upon their bailiwick?

Well, there are three of them, of whom two are not in fact British, while one is only acting commissioner, an announcement concerning a permanent appointment expected any day now.

Their London office is in New Zealand House, Haymarket. The British Commissioner since 1965 has been Sir Alexander Waddell, a former governor and commander-in-chief of Sarawak.

Sir Alexander has an Australian colleague. Sir Allen Brown, a former ambassador of his country to Japan. The other, acting, commissioner, is Alan Johns, director-general of his country's Department of Agriculture.

The commission—a consortium of the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australian governments—was set up after the First World War to hold and manage phosphate interests acquired from the Pacific Phosphate Co on Banaba (or Ocean Island, as the commissioners prefer to call it) and Nauru.

Nauru has since slipped from their grasp, for under an agreement of 1967 the people of Nauru bought the assets on the eve of their assuming independence, taking full control of the operation two years later.

Now, of course, the Banabans are in dispute with the commissioners. It was in 1971 that the Banaban Council of Leaders served on the commissioners a writ issued in London.

The commissioners last reported in August 1973 on their operations in the year ended June 30, 1972.

The commissioners then said that they planned to contest the islanders' claim for the replanting of trees or for damages for breach of contract claimed to be $21,389,793. A further claim may concern payment of £22m in royalties allegedly owed to the Banabans.

The trees claim, the commissioners said, revolved around an agreement that the Banabans had entered into with the Pacific Phosphate Co in 1913, before the commissioners came on the scene.

In the Banaban camp, the claim for trees or for cash has been brought by 12 representatives of the landowners. The 2,500 or so Banabans live not on Banaba/Ocean Island, but on Rabi, 1,600 miles away in the Fiji Group where they were resettled after the dispersal wrought by Japanese invasion.

They'd like to go back once mining operations cease. In the meantime, they have been receiving a royalty of so much per ton of the phosphate mined.

The proceeds of the commissioners' efforts minus this royalty and the costs of production go to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, as well as to the Banabans once more in an additional royalty.



With the House of Commons Christmas card already on sale, it's probably fair to assume that many companies are by now wondering what—or if—they can give customers or employees.

Initialled bedding might perhaps not be the wisest of presents with which to requite the exertions of a secretary, but there does seem to be something to be said for the general idea of personalized gifts.

Thanks to Denis Healey, it is now possible to give a good quality bath towel bearing initials or a name of up to 16 letters for less than the price of a bottle of whisky. Bath towels last longer than scotch, and there are also bathrobes or crystal glassware which may be similarly inscribed.

These can proclaim the name of the giver or the recipient, whether an employee, customer or friend.

Don't know whether it's got anything to do with socialism, or indeed whether it was just a misprint, but on proof copies of Stuart Holland's The Socialist Challenge *(Quartet Books) the "approx price" of £2.95 has been crossed out and £5.95 substituted.*

INTERIM STATEMENT

Inveresk Group

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS

The Directors of Inveresk Group Limited announce the following unaudited consolidated results for the 24 weeks ended 14th June, 1975.

INTERIM DIVIDEND ON ORDINARY STOCK

The Directors have declared an interim dividend in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1975, of 1.25p per Ordinary Stock Unit (1974 – 1·25p) payable to Stockholders on 15th September, 1975, (Record date 14th August, 1975).

RESULTS		UNAUDITED 24 weeks to 14th June, 1975 £'000	24 weeks to 15th June, 1974 £'000
External Sales		15,942	16,218
Trading Profit before depreciation		1,478	2,282
Depreciation		385	229
Trading Profit after depreciation		1,093	2,053
Interest and Dividend Income		53	208
		1,146	2,261
Less: Interest payable		129	24
Operating Profit		1,017	2,237
Capital Profits	*Note 1*	259	329
Profit before Taxation	*Note 2*	1,276	2,566

Notes:	1975 £'000	1974 £'000
1. Capital profits		
Profits less Losses on disposal of Fixed Assets	13	50
Surplus arising on purchase and cancellation of Unsecured Loan Stock	29	24
Profit on sales of shares in Georgia-Pacific Corporation	217	255
	259	329

2. Taxation. It is anticipated that no material tax liability will arise on either operating or capital profits due to unrelieved capital allowances and losses brought forward.

The reduction of stock levels by customers and consumers of paper, board and converted products, which commenced towards the end of 1974, has continued during 1975. This reduction and the generally lower level of U.K. economic activity, adversely affected the Group's results. Sales and profitability of most activities deteriorated appreciably during the second quarter of 1975 but the results of the stationery manufacturing and stationery distribution businesses have remained satisfactory.

Costs of raw materials, most of which, being imported, are costing more due to the deterioration in exchange parity of Sterling, and most other operating expenses have increased, but market conditions have prevented the full recovery of these additional costs.

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Discount selling cuts spending on display

Advertising & marketing

Spending on display advertising, taking rate card prices, has gone up by 17 per cent during the first six months of 1975 compared with the same period last year.

But the results, issued by Media Expenditure Analysis yesterday, conceal recent high levels of discount selling by the media, particularly television. MEAL executives estimate that in real terms, advertising spending is down by at least 10 per cent on last year's levels and more than 20 per cent below 1973.

A comparison between the net revenue totals issued by the Independent Television Companies Association for June (taken after agency commissions and discounts have been deducted) and the gross expenditure figures compiled by MEAL shows that the apparent rate of discounting virtually doubled during the month. This is attributed to special efforts by the ITV companies to win back revenue after the disruption in transmissions during May.

At £13,173,535, ITV's net revenue during June was up by 12.8 per cent, but the gross expenditure figures compiled by MEAL show a rise of 44 per cent. During the 12 months to the end of June the ITCA figures show a rise of about 5 per cent on the equivalent period a year ago, at £159.1m compared with £151.3m.

MEAL's total for television during the first six months shows a rise of 22 per cent on 1974. The figures for press advertising show a rise off 11 per cent during the same period.

Complaints

A complaint about a Royal Mint advertisement for a commemorative coin set prepared by advertising agents French, Gold, Abbot, Kenyon & Eckhardt is among those upheld by the Advertising Standards Authority in its latest report of investigations. The complainant objected to the advertisement's emphasis on the investment potential of the Icelandic Commemorative Set.

After investigation by the ASA, the advertisement is no longer appearing.

The complaint was one of 148 investigated by the authority during May and June, confirming earlier impressions that there has been a considerable rise in response from the general public after its recent publicity drive. Mail order advertisements continue to account for most dissatisfaction, but 52 complaints, of which 23 were upheld, were on other subjects.

Three complaints not upheld by the authority concerned the new voluntary restrictions on alcohol advertising. Two people objected to Canadian Club Whisky advertising on the grounds that it encouraged a mocking attitude towards the older generation and encouraged young people to drink.

Newspapers

Further newspaper cover prices could be in publishers' interests despite the recent decline in circulation. A report compiled by The Media Department, part of the Kimpher advertising group, recommends that as long as the publishers can hold on to their share of the declining market, it is in their interest to get the highest price they can for the product and to let their circulations find a new lower level.

Since the early months of last year, the combined daily sale of the national daily press has gone down by nearly a million and that of the Sunday's by 1.5 million. But circulation losses are still small in percentage terms in relation to the increases in unit price. Over the two-year period since 1973 the company calculates that the average selling price of the national dailies went up by 80 per cent, but their combined circulations have dropped by only 4 per cent. This has the net result that their total revenue from sales is now 73 per cent higher than it was two years ago.

Called *Newspaper Price Rises and their Effect on Circulation*, the report can be obtained from The Media Department, 10 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2.

New AA chairman

Mr Angus Ross, president of Ogilvy, Benson & Mather, is to be the new chairman of the Advertising Association. He will succeed Mr John Hobson, who has had four distinguished years in office.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr Ross said: "It is a great honour to be following John Hobson in this office. I hope I shall be able to be as successful as he has in explaining the role of advertising in society"

Community work

Young & Rubicam is continuing with its policy of participation in local community activities. The company is *sponsoring a painting competition* with £400 in prizes for artists living or working in the London borough of Camden. A selection of 20 of the entries will be exhibited at the Swiss Cottage Library during April next year.

Patricia Tisdall

Business appointments

Top management changes at Arthur Guinness Son

Mr R. A. McNeile will retire as managing director of Arthur Guinness Son on September 27, and will be succeeded by Mr A. J. R. Pursell, at present joint deputy managing director. Mr McNeile will remain a director. Mr R. T. Kerslake and Mr A. P. B. Guinness will become deputy managing directors at the same time. Mr Guinness will relinquish the position of group financial director and will be succeeded by Mr W. A. G. Spicer.

On taking up his post with Arthur Guinness Son, Mr Kerslake will relinquish his present position as managing director of Arthur Guinness Son (Park Royal) and will become joint vice-chairman (non-executive) with Lord Moyne. Mr S. E. Darmon, deputy managing director of Arthur Guinness Son (Park Royal), will be made managing director and will be succeeded by Mr P. T. Cunningham. Mr J. R. Terry is to become an executive director of Arthur Guinness Son (Park Royal) on August 1, and will assume Mr Darmon's responsibilities as marketing director.

Mr J. H. G. Gilbert is retiring from the chairmanship and the board of Wilkinson Match on December 31. He will be succeeded by Mr Denys Randolph, the deputy chairman. Subject to approval by shareholders in September of an addition to the company articles, the board intends to elect Mr Gilbert president.

Mr J. L. Waytt will succeed Mr E. J. Goodall as financial director of Amalgamated Power Engineering on August 1. Mr Goodall continues as an executive director. Mr J. G. Ryder will become a non-executive director on August 1.

Mr Peter Parrott has been made financial director of Grand Metropolitan Hotels.

The following executive appointments have been made by Royal Insurance from October 1: Mr R. Cunliffe, group chief accountant, to be overseas comptroller; Mr W. R. Rowland, chief accountant, to be group chief accountant.

Mr James Wiesler and Mr Yves Lamarche have become senior vice-presidents of the Bank of America.

Mr E. G. Parke, at present director, operations, of Shell Mex and BP is to join the Weir Group in September as an executive director and resident representative in the Middle East.

Mr G. Lindsay Davies has been named for the newly-created post of director supply (Europe) on Massey-Ferguson's European regional staff.

Mr A. R. G. McCullen has joined the board of Batleys of Yorkshire and has also been made managing director. This comes after the resignation of Mr F. J. Bullock as managing director and also from the board, for private reasons.

Sir Hugh Rose, chairman of Securities Trust of Scotland, has retired from the board and is succeeded as chairman by Mr John Wallace.

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Record Results

Extracts from the circulated statement of the Chairman, Mr. Gordon Billam:

As forecast in my interim statement record results were achieved in 1974. Pre-tax profit of the Group is £246.243 compared with £170,706 in 1973.

The Group net profit after taxation and after payment of the interim dividend of £11,055 leaves £106,422 available for appropriation.

A final dividend of 2.21p per share is recommended which, together with the related tax credit, amounts to 3.4p per share (1973—2.169p per share) making 4.5p per share (1973—4.122p per share).

Group turnover increased by 18.5% from £1,063,216 to £1,260,155 and Export Sales increased by 30.4% from £260,420 to £339,640. The improvement in the overseas trade of the Parent Company coupled with improved production methods in our Engineering Division were the main factors contributing to these results.

In the first five months of 1975 satisfactory progress has been made but in the light of the present economic climate it is very difficult to forecast future results.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Illingworth Morris waits for the upturn

By Peter Wainwright

Illingworth Morris, the giant of wool textiles, did a bit better in its year to March 31 last than some expected. For this it had to thank its own strength in the industry (the past year saw the absorption of Troydale Industries and George Mallinson) and a good business abroad. The group also kept interest charges under control by slashing borrowings, though these would have gone down anyway with the cyclical fall in business.

By cutting borrowings Illingworth stopped interest charges from rising, but no more because interest rates rose to offset the fall in borrowings. The result for the full year was that pre-tax profits slid from £4.9m to £1.63m, after a first half slump from £2.87m to £881,000. So pre-tax profits subsided gently to £749,000 in the second six months.

But the gross dividend rises from 9.88 per cent to 10.23 per cent, the most allowed. Preference and ordinary dividends cost the group £481,000, where they were comfortably covered by attributable profits of £1,285,000.

One reason for this was the unusually low tax charge of only £209,000 against £1,994,000 the year before. The group benefited from accelerated capital allowances, and losses brought forward.

Prospects for this year are mixed. Many in the wool textile trade see a cyclical recovery beginning this autumn. The tentative impression at Illingworth is that by then we should see an end to destocking while export prospects seem reasonable. But at home the importing (or dumping) of clothing from Eastern Europe is a worry. There is a danger that United Kingdom companies will lose both the cloth business, and its making up into suits.

This leaves tax and interest payments influencing net profits. Capital spending should keep tax lower than normal, but it seems bound to rise for all that. But this year Illingworth should benefit from lower interest rates as it strives to keep down borrowings.

Jones, Stroud is past £2m mark in peak year

On turnover up from £12.3m to £14.9m the pre-tax profits of Jones, Stroud (Holdings) rose from £1.82m to a record £2.07m *in the year to March 31.* Earnings a share of this fabrics group went up from 12.71p to [illegible]p before a loss of £444,000 on the sale and repurchase of a quoted investment.

The dividend rises from 5p to 5.25p gross.

The group's investments include a 35.3 *per cent holding* in Fothergill & Harvey and a 29 per cent stake in J. & J. Cash. This was built up during the abortive bid for Cash in October.

A wary view taken by Rosgill Hldgs

Although the halftime profits of Rosgill Holdings, the Pippa-Dee Parties and Moneysave clothing and discount stores group, rose a bit from £550,000 to £578,000 the full year to May 31 shows a 7 per cent fall to £794,000. But turnover was a record £28.5m against £22.7m previously. Earnings a share fell from 4.22p to 3.87p but the total dividend rises from 3.38p to 3.5p with a final of 1.94p.

Since the end of the year a new Moneysave store has been opened in Doncaster and another will open in Stockport at the end of the month.

Stock markets

Share prices depressed by interest rate fears

The prospect that last week's rush to buy the Government's long-dated stock may force up the minimum lending rate sparked some late life into the London stock market yesterday.

For most of the day the tone had been quiet, but firm, and by 3 pm the *FT* Index had advanced 2.2 points. But between *then and the closing calculation* the index lost 4.5 to end at 294.3, a net loss of 2.3 over the day.

After hours several pence were lost by the industrial leaders but the brunt was borne by gilts which had another eventful day. For most of the session the market was fairly quiet and sentiment remained strong. But the Bank of England's move in the discount market giving assistance at MLR was seen as a signal that short-term interest rates will rise in the next few weeks and prices fell away.

Most of the damage was done at the shorter end. "Shorts" opened a shade lower, but soon recovered and were steady until the middle of the afternoon. The news of the Bank's assistance then caused a wave of heavy selling and losses of 1 point were common by the end of trading. The coupon rate on the "yearling" issue was 10¾ per cent.

"Longs" attracted interest in *the morning. At one stage gains* from overnight levels amounted to ¾ or ½ point. But here too the Bank's move prompted a large fall of almost a point and most stocks were ½ or ¾ point lower on the day.

Dealers said that, after the sharp drop, most stocks steadied and two-way business developed at the lower levels.

In the equity market it was once again bid and trading news that provided all the interest. New terms from Johnson Firth Brown gave N. Greening a 5½p boost to 32p and the disclosure of William Mallinson as the bidder for NET put on 4p to 54p. Furness Withy reacted 10p to 240p and Bensons International Systems, in talks with a Swedish group, were also a good deal easier, losing 15p of Mon*day's 80p gain and closing* at 165p. The lack of news from Ellerman left J. W. Cameron (118p) off by 4p.

The most spectacular result came from National Westminster Bank where a 38 per cent slide in interim profits left the shares finally unchanged at *210p after an initial slip to* 206p. The other clearers traded similarly and at the close Barclays (252p), Midland (242p) were both 2p firmer. Lloyds were unchanged at 200p. After a cautionary statement Hongkong & Shanghai Bank lost 5p *to 230p.*

After hours apart the leading industrials had a good day. ICI 250p, and Courtaulds 109p were left unchanged, as were Boots at 193p. But Fisons 364p, Unilever 354p and Hawker Siddeley 254p were firmer by 4p, 2p and 4p. After the delayed profits statement Rank "A" shares lost 3p to 140p and the ordinary 7p to 138p.

There was a late decline in properties with Land Securities losing a penny to 167p, after 174p, Law Land 2p to 53p, after 56p, and Stock Conversion closing at an unchanged 129p, after 131p. *Speculative buying* pushed up Dowty 4p to 94p while the rights issue from Howard Machinery clipped 10p to 36p. Estates House Investments, the new vehicle for the Lowson investment trusts, was introduced at 185p and by the end of the day had put on 10p.

Gold shares, already firm after overnight demand from the United States, ended at the top with increases of up to £1 on the higher metal fixing. Oil shares were comparatively little changed with BP off 3p to 517p after news of money raising operations in the United States. Shell shaded a penny to 303p but Tricentrol was the best gaining 4p to 66p.

Among a considerable list of companies reporting Taylor Woodrow at 260p, were 6p lower after the half-timer, and Illingworth Morris ordinary shares at 19p and "A" shares at 18p were both unchanged after profits considered to be satisfactory. Sharply lower first-half profits clipped 4½p from Inveresk (49½), better profits left Jones Stroud unchanged at 46p, and Atlas Stone shaded firmer to 54p.

In spite of a loss Birmingham Mint were not touched at 44p and the same was true of Rosgill Holdings (18p) even though lower profits were coupled with a cautious forecast. Comments on short-time working from the chairman of Francis Sumner (5½p) meant a penny loss.

The suspension of cane sugar imports until the Government decides how they should be financed left Tate & Lyle unchanged at 195p, but Manbre & Garton ended a couple of pence ahead at 101p. Reference of the pet food industry to the Monopolies Commission did not affect Spillers which firmed 1p to 34½p.

Equity turnover on July 21 was £40.44m (12,930 bargains). Active stocks yesterday were ICI, Tate & Lyle new, Rank "A", Marks & Spencer, Midland Bank, Shell, BP, British American Tobacco, Distillers, National Westminster Bank, General Electric, Central Manufacturing, Renold, NET, N. Greening, Furness Withy.

Always a share subject to large price movements John Haggas has lost 33p to 205p in the last two days trading. The shares are tightly held and there has been little business done.

Financial shares were wanted but a warning of a possible rights issue cast a cloud over Selection Trust, which ended 10p down to 530p.

Latest dividends

Company (and par value)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Atlas Stone (25p) Int	1.85	1.75	8/9	—	4.55
Birmingham Mint (25p) Fin	3.56	2.44	—	3.56	3.56
Derby Trust (£1) Int	4.33	4.86	31/8	—	9.85
H. K. & Shanghai ($2.50) Int	0.16	0.16†	24/8	0.52‡	0.52†
Illingworth Morris (20p) Fin	0.53	0.60	—	1.36	1.36
Inveresk Group (50p) Int	1.25	1.25	15/9	—	4.35
Jones, Stroud (25p) Fin	0.42	2.05	—	3.52	3.46
Nat Westminster (£1) Int	4.26	4	29/8	—	8.01
Polly Peck (10p) Fin	Nil	0.66	—	0.17	1.01
Rank Org (25p) Int	2.18	2.18	3/11	—	5.57
Rosgill Hldgs (5p) Fin	1.26	1.26	13/10	2.31	2.31
Taylor Woodrow (25p) Int	1.31	1.31	1/10	—	4.72
Washington Inv (25p)	0.85	0.85	17/9	0.85	0.85
Yeoman Inv (25p) Int	1.95	1.67	13/9	4.7	4.19

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. † Adjusted for scrip. ‡ Forecast.

Wedgwood offer for Spode turned down by Carborundum

Talks which might have led to an offer from Wedgwood, the china and glassware group, for Spode China—a subsidiary of the Carborundum Co of America—are off.

Mr Arthur Bryan, the Wedgwood chairman, says that the "preliminary" talks broke down over money. Its suggested price bracket was based on "very preliminary" figures supplied by Spode but was not acceptable to Carborundum.

The US group, which recently said that it was seeking a purchaser for this British subsidiary, is understood to have some half-a-dozen potential buyers in mind for Spode, a fine china manufacturer founded in the 18th century and now believed to be worth some £6m to £8m.

Carborundum acquired Spode in 1966 and also owns Hammersley China and the Royal Windsor Pottery.

Wm Mallinson agrees £2¼m offer for NET

Terms worth about £2.25m have been agreed for the purchase by William Mallinson & Denny Mott, the international timber merchants, of NET—which is mainly concerned with chipboard distribution. Mallinson is offering three shares plus 36p cash for every two NET shares, and two 4.2 per cent preference shares for every 5.25 per cent of NET.

Mallinson already has 65,000 NET shares and the NET board will accept on its holding of 45.8 per cent of the ordinary.

Mallinson is to pay a 10 per cent increase in the dividend this year.

Derby Trust bounds

Thanks to the sharp recovery in stock market prices since last January the capital account results of Derby Trust to June 30 show that assets attributable to capital shareholders have bounded from £810,000 at December 31 last to £4.4m and that the asset value of each capital share was £1.72 against 0.32p.

Pretax revenue on the income account was £174,000 against £197,000 the fall being ascribed to a change in the incidence of dividends as a result of portfolio alterations and increases in tax and expenses but the board expect the full year's distribution will not be substantially different from the 9.85p of last year. In the meantime they are making an interim payment on the in*come shares of 4.33p (4.86p).*

S & P Property Fund

The return of a sound property market with action in high-quality commercial property is expected by the Save & Prosper Property Fund. The discount yields on prime commercial properties after this year's rise in equity share, means, it argues, that high quality properties let to first-class tenants are again attractive investments for institutions. At May 15 the fund was valued at £21.8m, compared with £31.5m the year before.

Cautious Plessey

Shareholders in Plessey are warned by chairman Sir John Clark that the group as a trader in 136 countries cannot isolate itself from the world trading scene. He writes in his annual review: "No dramatic upturn *can be expected.*" *The North* American business in semiconductors and electronics should pick up soon, and the aerospace side in the United States is going well. An increase in stocks spurred by inflation has led to higher borrowings but the chairman says: "The cash position remains satisfactory and it is not expected to change materially in the current year."

HK & Shanghai looks to second-half gain

While giving no figures, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation says that falling interest rates and rising overheads have affected results in *the first-half to June 30 in most* areas in which the group is represented, but that increased exchange activity has largely mitigated these adverse conditions. The level of profit is marginally lower but with indications that interest rates will stabilize and business *conditions generally will improve* the board are looking for these factors materially to benefit the bank's full year operations. They have declared an interim dividend of HK$0.16 which is equal to the same as last year and they say they expect to pay a final dividend of not less than HK$0.36 making a total payment of not less than HK$0.52 (same).

Polly Peck loss

After a *halftime loss* of £172,000 from the property division of Polly Peck (Holdings), which makes and distributes ladies' clothing, comes a £339,900 loss for the full year to March 19 last. This more than offset fashion profits, so the group lost £117,000 before *tax, against a profit of £33,000.* There is to be no final dividend against 0.98p, so the interim payment of 0.27p becomes the year's total compared with 1.48p.

B'ham Mint hopeful

Following a loss at half time of £73,000, against a profit of £317,000 the Birmingham Mint was reorganized. Although the year to March 31 has ended with a loss of £122,000 before tax, against a profit of £654,000, the board is confident of a greatly improved result this year.

The dividend is held at 3.56p net giving a rise from 5.25p to 5.48p gross.

The annual loss was achieved *on turnover of £6.52m, against* £5.44m and was after a loss on metal stocks of £127,000, against a profit of £114,000.

Solvay raises stake in Laporte to 22 pc

The upshot of deal between *Solvay the Belgium-based* chemical group and Laporte Industries (Holdings) is that Solvay will subscribe £1.73m in cash and convert £2.5m of its holding of Laporte loan stock in exchange for the issue of a total of 4.89m new ordinary shares of Laporte. These when added to *Solvay's existing holding give it* a 22 per cent stake in the enlarged Laporte equity and it is seeking permission to raise the stake to a maximum of 25 per cent. Benefits to Laporte are the immediate injection of £1.73m of new money and the cancellation of £2.5m of loan stock which otherwise would come up for repayment in 1980. Laporte now has sufficient working capital for its present requirements.

Atlas turns down

In spite of an encouraging advance in the first half year to April 30, after a setback last year, Atlas Stone says a fall in demand is hurting the group now. On turnover of £4.21m compared with £3.04m, first half pre-tax profits rose 41 per cent [illegible]. The interim dividend is 2.85p against 2.61p.

Alpine audit

Alpine Holdings, which last month announced a loss for the year to January 26 of £237,000 after tax and extraordinary items, has had its profit and loss account extensively qualified by joint auditors Arram, Berlyn, Gardner, and Thomson McLintock.

The auditors say that they did not obtain all the information and explanations they considered necessary on the loss-making Everest Refrigeration which was closed down in August last year, and that they are unable to form an opinion as to whether this subsidiary's loss and its allocation between trading losses and extraordinary items fairly reflect the position.

Pataling Rbr dips

Turnover of Pataling Rubber Estates for the six months to April 30 rose from £4.17m to £4.51m, but pre-tax profits are down from £1.57m to £1.47m. *This is after replanting expenditure* of £155,000, against £106,000.

JOHNSON CONSTN

Turnover for year to March 31, £2.48m (£2.09m). Pre-tax profit, £176,000 (£134,000). Earnings a share are 4.6p (3.1p). Dividend is 1.58p (1.48p).

BRYCOURT INV

Valuation of portfolio at June 30, £5.34m (£4.73m at March 31). Net asset value a share, [illegible]p (67.9p).

ROBERT H. LOWE

Interim pre-tax profit, £[illegible] (£69,000). Dividend is 0.87p (same).

Overseas

Exxon opening disappoints

Increased taxes are chiefly blamed by Exxon Corporation for lower outcome in the second quarter. Per-share earnings shaded from $3.64 to $2.39 and net profit from $814m to $535m. For the six months per-share earnings come out at $5.03 against $6.61, while profits fell from $1,430m to $1,125m. Other factors were the absence of "inventories' profits" on operations abroad that were realized in the first half of 1974. Elsewhere, translation of assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries into dollars resulted in charges against first-half earnings of some $46m, against a nominal sum.—Reuter-AP-DJ.

Alcoa falls back

Net profit of Alcoa in the second quarter was $18.9m ($.55 a share), while that in the 1974 second quarter was $50.4m ($1.50). The outcome for the first six months was $50.4m ($1.47), compared with $95.8m.

Galt-Wilkinson

Canadian group Galt Malleable Iron Ltd is to buy all the outstanding shares of Eddy Match Co Ltd for $30 a share. Galt will sell the match division of Eddy to that company's 66 per cent owner, Wilkinson Match, of London, for $4.25 if the offer is successful.

Zapata ahead

Zapata Corporation, which provides diversified natural resource services around the world, reports net profits of $22.12m for the nine months to June 30, 1975 compared with $20.69m for the 1974 period. Sales rose to $281.52m from $219.58m.

Consolidated Edison

Second-quarter profits of Consolidated Edison, of New York, were 69c against 61c a share and a total of $42.63m ($37.78m).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	101¾	101¾
Airlease 8½ 1988	[illegible]	86
Ashland 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
BICC 7¾ 1987	70	74
Bristol 8¼ 1979	[illegible]	92
British Steel Corp 8⅞ 1989	86	88
Burlington 7¾ 1987	91	92
Carrier 8 1987	91	[illegible]
Chevron 7 1980	97	98½
Conoco 7 1980	97	98½
Conoco 8 1986	96½	97½
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	86½	87½
Coventry 8¾ 1981	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coventry 8¾ 1980	[illegible]	[illegible]
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	102	[illegible]
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dana 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	83¼	84¼
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	81	83
Dundee 9¼ 1985	[illegible]	[illegible]
Escom 9¼ 1989	89	91
Escom Floating Rate 1982	97¼	98½
First Chicago 7 1980	95½	96½
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	81	85
GATX 8¼ 1987	[illegible]	90¼
Guardian Royal 8 1987	77	80
Hambros 7¾ 1987	77	81
ICI 7¾ 1992	78	81
International Oil 8¼ 1982	[illegible]	[illegible]
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	71	77
Manchester 8¾ 1981	[illegible]	90
Mexico 8¾ 1981	[illegible]	96
Michelin 7¾ 1987	81	[illegible]
Mitsubishi 9 1981	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola 7 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	77	80
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	84	88
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	[illegible]	[illegible]
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	91	[illegible]
Occidental 7¾ 1981	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Lighting 8 1982	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	101	[illegible]
Pennwalt 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scanraff 7¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scanraff 9¼ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer 10 1977	[illegible]	[illegible]
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	[illegible]	[illegible]
Slough 7 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
South Africa 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Standard Oil 8½ 1980	101	[illegible]
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	[illegible]	100
Sybron 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	94
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	[illegible]	98
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	92	93
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	92	[illegible]
Volvo 8 1987	87½	88½
Wm Glyn 8¾ 1987	81	83
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	105	106
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1988-85	81	82
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1980-83	81	82
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	100½	101½
Escom (DM) 7 1975-88	75½	76½
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972-87	88	89
ICI (DM) 8 1971-86	91½	92½
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	104½	105½
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	90½	91½
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	103½	104½
Suedafrika (DM) 8¾ 1976-85	91½	92½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	89½	90½
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	63	64
American Express 4¾ 1987	88	90
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	93	96
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	103	105
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1993	96½	98½
Borden 5 1992	93	95
Borden 6½ 1991	100	101
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	73	77
Carnation 4 1987	69	71
Chevron 5 1988	100½	102½
Cummins 6¾ 1986	82	84
Dart 4¾ 1987	89	90
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	110	112
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	82½	83½
Eaton 5 1987	78	79
Ford 5 1988	71	73
Ford 6 1986	84	86
Gillette 4¾ 1987	77	79
Gould 5 1987	85	87
General Electric 4¼ 1987	83	85
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	128	bid
Harris 5 1987	86	88
Honeywell 6 1986	78½	80½
ITT 4½ 1987	69	71
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	119	121
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	129	131
Nabisco 5½ 1988	93	95
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	99	101
J. C. Penny 4½ 1987	84	86
Revlon 4¾ 1987	97½	99½
Rank Org 4½ 1995	41	43
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	87	89
Squibb 4¾ 1987	87	89
Texaco 4¾ 1988	80	82
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	107	109
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	84	86
Xerox Corp 5 1988	77	79

DM = Deutschmark issue.

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Wall Street

New York, July 22.—Wall Street stocks fell broadly yesterday with the Federal Reserve continuing to *send out signals of a tighter monetary* policy and with the cost of living showing a sharp rise.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 7.98 points to 846.76. Declining issues topped gains about 1,150 to 310. Volume totalled 20,660,000 shares compared with 16,690,000 yesterday.

As the stock market opened for *trading, the U.S. government* reported that the consumer price index for June leaped ahead at twice the annual rate of gain of the previous month. Later in the session, the Federal Reserve indicated by short-term money market moves that it continued to raise its target level on Federal funds.

Brokers said rising interest rates and the higher cost of living raised fears that inflation was rekindling as the economy showed signs of recovering from the recession.—AP-Dow Jones.

NY silver up 2.20c

New York, July 22.—Long profit-taking and some short selling clipped best levels in COMEX SILVER quite sharply. Values were set back from a 7.50c peak to stand 0.80c to 2.20c above. Sales amounted to a heavy 8,023 lots. July, 471.00c; Aug, 471.80c; Sept, 475.50c; Dec, 486.60c; Jan, 491.40c; March, 498.90c; May, 506.30c; July, 513.70c; Sept, 521.00c. Handy and Harman 471.00c (previous 464.50c). Handy and Harman of Canada, Canadian $4.89 ($4.79).

GOLD.—Futures closed from $0.50 to $1.50 higher. Chicago IMM futures were up $0.50 to $1.10 while the New York Comex were $1.30 to $1.90 higher. NY COMEX.—July, $165.90; Aug, $166.40; Sept, $167.80; Oct, $169.50; Dec, $172.20; Feb, $175.10; April, $178.00; June, $180.80; Aug, $183.50; Oct, $186.20. CHICAGO IMM.—July, $166.00; Sept, $167.70-167.50; Dec, $171.70; March, $175.80; June, $180.00-179.90; Sept, $184.80; Dec, $188.50.

COPPER.—Steady: 2,272 sales. July, 58.10c; Aug, 58.30c; Sept, 58.80c; Dec, 60.40c; Jan, 61.00c; March, 62.10c; May, 63.10c; July, 64.10c.

SUGAR.—World futures closed 0.40c to 0.90c up. Sales were 4,696 lots. Spot 18.00c up 0.75c; Sept, 17.55-17.25c; Oct, 17.00-16.90c; Jan, 16.98c nominal; March, 16.46-16.30c; May, 16.40c nominal; July, 16.40c nominal; Sept, 16.40c nominal; Oct, 16.40c.

COCOA.—Futures closed 1.75c to 2.00c limit up. July, 66.50c; Sept, 60.50c; Dec, 56.70c; March, 56.80c; May, 55.60c; July, 55.80c; Sept, 55.70c; Dec, 55.95c. Spots: Ghana 81 nominal; Bahia 68 nominal.

COFFEE.—Futures were strongly held at the 4.00c limit. July, 78.00c; Sept, 68.00c; Nov, 66.80c; Dec, 65.95c; March, 66.68c; May, 67.15c; July, 67.45c.

COTTON.—Barely steady: estimated sales 1,150. Oct, 48.80-48.95c; Dec, 49.10-49.15c; March, 50.05c; May, 50.35c; July, 51.20-52.50c; Oct, 51.30-51.50c; Dec, 51.30-51.60c.

WOOL.—Grease wool closed unchanged, crossbred were unchanged to 0.1c down. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 142.5c nominal; Oct, 144.0c; Dec, 146.5-148.5c; March, 146.5-150.5c; May, 146.5-150.5c; July, 146.5-152.5c; Oct, 146.5c; Dec, 146.5c. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 76.5c nominal; Oct, 73.0-83.0c; Dec, 75.5-83.0c; March, 75.5-84.5c; May, 77.5c; July, 77.5c; Oct, 77.5c; Dec, 77.5c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. — Soyabean futures finished firmer, up 2c to 5½c. Oil rose 0.28c to 0.60c while meal lost $0.50 to $1.70. SOYABEANS.—July, 555-556c; Aug, 559½-559c; Sept, 557½-558c; Nov, 560-558c; Jan, 568-566c; March, 577-575c; May, 586c; July, 591c; Aug, 592c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—July, $134.00; Aug, $128.50; Sep, $131.50-132.00; Oct, $135.00; Dec, $138.00; Jan, $139.50-140.50; March, $143.00-144.00. SOYABEAN OIL.—July, 26.28-26.50c; Aug, 26.45c; Sep, 24.53-24.60c; Oct, 23.80c; Dec, 23.05-23.00c; Jan, [illegible]; March, 22.45c; May, 22.20-22.25c; July, 21.90c; Aug, 21.60c. CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed steady 3c to 1c higher. July, 336c expired; Sept, 364-362c; Dec, 376½-376c; March, 386c; May, 386c; July, [illegible]. MAIZE closed barely steady [illegible] lower. July, 297-303c; Sept, 273½-272c; Dec, 261½-262c; March, 268½-267½c; May, [illegible]; July, 275½c. OATS easier 3¼c to 1½c lower. July, [illegible]; Sept, 147½c; Dec, 151½c; March, 153½c; May, 154c.

	July 22	July 21		July 22	July 21		July 22	July 21
Allied Chem.	37½	38	Gen. Mills	54⅞	55⅛	Scott Paper	15	15⅛
Allied Stores	38⅝	40¼	Gen. Motors	49⅞	50⅞	Seaboard Coast	27⅞	[illegible]
Allied Supermkt.	2⅞	3⅛	Gen Pub Util N.Y.	16	16⅞	Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	11⅞	12⅛	Gen. Tel. El.	24½	24⅞	Sears Roe.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	45⅞	46	Gen. Tire	16½	16⅞	Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	50⅞	51	Genesco	[illegible]	5⅜	Shell Trans.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	21⅞	22	Georgia Pac	45½	45⅞	Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Airlines	[illegible]	[illegible]	Getty Oil	169	[illegible]	Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Brands	40½	41½	Gillette	28⅝	29	Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Broadcast	22⅝	22⅞	Goodrich	18⅝	19⅛	Sth Cal Edison	17⅜	[illegible]
Am. Can.	30¼	30½	Goodyear	19⅝	19⅝	Southern Pac.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Cyan.	29¼	27⅞	Gould Inc.	26	26	Southern Rly.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. El. Power	19⅞	19⅞	Grace	27⅞	28	Sperry Rand	[illegible]	46
Am. Home	37⅛	38	Grant W.T.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Squibb	34⅝	35
Am. Motors	5⅛	5⅜	Gt. At. & Pac.	11⅞	11⅞	Std. Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Nat. Gas	34¼	34	Greyhound	14¼	14⅞	Std. Oil Cal.	31⅞	[illegible]
Am. Standard	15⅛	15⅞	Grumman Cp.	17⅛	17⅛	Std. Oil Ind	49⅞	50⅞
Am. Tel	49⅝	50¼	Gulf Oil	22⅛	22⅞	Std. Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amf. Inc.	20⅞	20⅛	Gulf Wn. Ind.	42⅞	43⅛	Sterling Drug	19⅞	[illegible]
Anaconda	17	17	Heinz. H. J.	46⅞	46	Stevens J.P.	16⅞	[illegible]
Armco Steel	[illegible]	27⅛	Hercules	29½	30⅛	Stude Worth.	37	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]	Honeywell	34¼	35	Sunbeam Corp	21	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	23⅝	24⅛	IC Inds	17½	[illegible]	Sundstrand	23⅞	[illegible]
Atl. Richfield	102⅞	104½	Ingersoll	75	76⅞	Sun Oil	34½	[illegible]
Avco	[illegible]	6⅛	Inland Steel	37⅞	38	Teledyne	21⅞	21⅞
Avon Prod.	46⅝	45⅞	I.B.M.	197½	201	Tenneco	26¼	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	24	24	Int. Harv.	25¼	25⅞	Texaco	26⅝	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	33⅞	33⅛	Int. Nickel	25⅞	27½	Texas East Trans	35½	[illegible]
Bank of Am.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Int. Paper	50⅞	53½	Texas Inst	105¼	[illegible]
Bank of N.Y.	[illegible]	33	Int. Tel. Tel.	22½	22⅞	Texas Util	21	[illegible]
Beat Fds	21⅞	21½	Jewel Co.	22⅞	23	Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	20⅝	20⅞	Jim Walter	42¼	43¼	T.W.A.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bendix	41	[illegible]	Johns Manv.	24	24⅜	Travelers Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beth Steel	35⅝	36⅞	Johnson & John	90¼	[illegible]	T.R.W. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	27¼	28⅝	Kaiser Alum.	32⅛	33⅛	U.A.L. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	25	25	Kennecott	38¼	38⅝	Unilever Ltd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	24	23⅝	Kerr McGee	82⅞	83⅞	Unilever N.V.	[illegible]	42
Borg Warner	19¼	19⅞	Kimb. Clk.	[illegible]	30⅛	Unionamerica	8	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	67¼	[illegible]	Kraftco Cp.	35⅝	35	Union Bancorp	10⅞	10⅞
BP	11⅞	11¼	Kresge S.S.	32¼	32½	Union Carb.	59⅝	[illegible]
Budd		3⅞	Kroger	22	22¼	Un. Oil Cal.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burl. Ind.	25⅛	26⅛	Ligg. Myer	30⅝	31¼	Un. Pacific Corp.	77	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	31½	35⅞	L.T.V.	14¼	14⅞	Uniroyal	8	[illegible]
Burroughs	99⅝	101¾	Litton	8⅛	8¼	United Brands	6⅞	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	31½	31½	Lockheed	12⅞	13	Utd Merch & Men	17½	[illegible]
Canadian Pac.	14½	15	Lucky Stores	14⅜	14¼	U.S. Industries	5⅞	[illegible]
Caterpillar	66½	69⅞	Magnavox	8⅞	8⅞	U.S. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	37¼	37⅞	Manuf Hanover	38	38⅝	Utd Technol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Soya	16⅞	15	Mapco	48¼	48⅝	Wachovia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charter N.Y.	25⅞	24½	Marathon Oil	55⅝	53½	Warner Comm	12½	[illegible]
Chase Manhat.	36½e	37⅞	Marcor Inc.	[illegible]	28½	Warner Lambert	35⅛	[illegible]
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	41¾	42	Marine Mid.	19⅞	20	Wells Fargo	17⅞	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	35¼	39¼	Martin Mar.	17⅞	17¾	West'n Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	13⅞	13	McDonnell	13⅞	13⅞	Westghs El.	19⅞	[illegible]
Citicorp	35½	36	Mead	16⅛	16½	Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cities Serv.	49	49½	Merck	75½	77⅞	Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	30¼	30½	Minn. Min.	58⅞	59⅞	White Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	84⅞	83¼	Mobil Oil	46	46⅞	Woolworth.	16⅞	[illegible]
Colgate	29⅞	29⅝e	Monsanto	71¼	72	Xerox Cp.	63½	[illegible]
C B S	48⅞	49½	Morgan. J. P.	63⅛	63⅞	Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	25⅞e	26¼	Motorola	50⅞	51⅞			
Comb Eng	49½	51⅞	NCR Corp	31⅞	32⅛			
Comw. Edison	27⅞	27⅛	NL Ind	16⅞	17			
Con. Edison	12⅞	13¼	Nat. Bisc	38¼	40¼			
Cons Foods	13⅞	13⅞	Nat. Distill.	17⅛	17⅛			
Cons Power	17⅞	17⅞	Nat. Steel	37½	37⅞			
Cont. Can.	25⅞	26⅛	Norfolk West.	65½	66¼			
Cont. Oil	68	69	NW Bancor	42½	43½			
Control Data	19¼	19⅞	Norton Simon	19½	19⅞			
Corning Glass	51⅞	53⅛	Occ. Pet.	20¼	20⅝			
C P C. Intnl.	47⅞	48⅛	Ogden	19⅞	20			
Crane	47⅞	47⅞	Olin Corp.	27⅞	23¼			
Crocker Int	22⅞	22⅞	Otis Elev	30½	30⅞			
Crown Zeller	37⅞	38⅞	Owens Ill.	[illegible]	44⅝			
Dart Ind.	26⅝	25⅞	Pac. Gas. El.	21	21½			
Deere	40½	40⅞	Pan. Am.	3⅞	3⅞			
Del Monte	23	23¼	Penn. Cent.	1⅞	1⅞			
Delta Air	36⅞	37½	Penney J C	52⅞	51⅞			
Detroit Edison	12⅞	13	Pennzoil	22	22⅛			
Disney	49⅝	50½	Pepsico	64	64⅛			
Dow Chem.	84⅝	84½	Pet Corp	25⅞	25⅞			
Dresser Ind.	67¼	65¼	Pfizer	29⅛	27⅞			
Duke Power	16⅞	16⅞	Phelps Dod.	38½	38⅞			
Du Pont	124	122⅞	Philip Mor.	51⅞	52			
Eastern Air	5⅛	5⅜	Phill. Pet.	54⅝	56⅞			
East. Kodak	95¼	96⅞	Polaroid	42⅝	40⅞			
Eaton Corp.	27⅞	28	P.P.G. Ind.	30⅞	31⅞			
El Paso G	13¼	13⅛	Proc. Gamble	93⅛	93⅞			
Equitable Life	19⅞	19½	Pub.Ser.El & Gas	15⅞	16			
Esmark	34⅝	34⅝	Pullman	39⅞	39			
Evans P. D.	6¼	6½	Rapid American	5⅜	6			
Exxon Corp	87½	88⅞	Raytheon	54½	55			
Firestone	20¼	20⅝	RCA Corp	19⅞	20			
Fst. Chicago	25⅞	27	Repub. Steel	31	31½			
Fst. Nt. Boston	28	25⅞	Reynolds Ind	56⅛	59½			
Fst. Penn Corp	22½	21½	Reynolds Metal	22⅞	23			
Ford	39⅞	40	Rockwell Int	24⅞	24½			
G.A.F. Corp	12⅛e	12¼	Royal Dutch	35⅞	35⅞			
Gamble Skogmo	24	24	Safeways	49⅞	51⅛			
Gen. Dynam.	53⅞	53⅞	St. Regis	27⅛	27⅞			
Gen. Electric	49⅝	49⅝	Santa Fe Ind.	12⅞	12⅞			
Gen Foods	25⅛	26⅜	SCM	13⅞	13¼			
Gen. Instr.	13⅛	13	Schlumbgr.	82⅞	84½			

Canadian Prices

	July 22	July 21
Abitibi	11	[illegible]
Alcan	[illegible]	26
Alg. Steel	[illegible]	27
Asbestos	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Tel.	44½	[illegible]
Can. Sup. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.94	4.94
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons. Bat.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falconbridge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hawker Can.	5.00	5.00
Hud. Bay Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hud. Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
I.A.C. Ltd.	13⅞	[illegible]
Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imp. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Pipe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mass.-Ferguson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Power Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Price Bros.	[illegible]	15
Royal Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tex. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Trans. Mnt. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker H.	[illegible]	[illegible]
W.C.T.	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Ex div. a Asked. e Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.1617 ($2.1779); three months, $2.1637 ($2.1611); Canadian dollar, 97.03c (97.05c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index rose 2.67 to 302.38. The futures index was up 3.02 at 280.43.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 846.76 (854.71); transportation, 167.13 (170.15); utilities, 83.13; 65 stocks, 258.06 (261.01). New York Stock Exchange index, 49.68; industrials, [illegible]; transportation, 32.79 (33.48); utilities, 32.90 (33.21); financial, 55.16.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Seven-for-10 'rights' from Howard Machinery

To raise some £2.85m Howard Machinery announces arrangements for underwriting a seven-for-10 rights issue of 11.85m shares at 25p each. Proceeds will be used to reduce short-term borrowings. Its land and buildings were revalued at May 29 at £7.7m against the then book value of £4m, no provision having been made for capital gains tax at the amounts at which they have been valued.

This issue comes hard on the news a few weeks ago that Howard had slid into losses in the half year to last April though the gross dividend rose from 3.04p to 3.13p implying an unchanged net payment. But the directors were confident that past progress would soon be resumed.

A sale for tender by Newcastle & Gateshead Water Co of £3.5m, 9 per cent redeemable preference stock, at the minimum price of £99 per £100 stock attracted applications for some £6.94m. The average price was £99.42.

On the loans front, Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed a loan of £8m which Williams & Glyn's Bank has made available to Instituto Salvadoreno de Fomento Industrial, El Salvador. Additionally, ECGD has guaranteed a £3m line of credit which Barclays Bank has arranged with Romanian Bank for Foreign Trade. The credit will help finance placed in the United Kingdom for capital goods and services by Romanian buyers.

Among local authorities placing bonds at 10⅞ per cent are Blackpool, Broxbourne, Cleethorpes, Cynon Valley, Shrewsbury & Atcham, Brighton, Glasgow, Dyfed, Strathclyde, Gateshead, Fareham, Ogwr, Wakefield, Blaby, Bolsover, South Oxfordshire, Newham and Hertsmere. Gosport is placing £750,000 12¾ per cent bonds at £100 per cent.

Bank Leumi le-Israel plans to issue 54.56m "A" ordinary on a one-for-six basis.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	9½%
C. Hoare & Co. ..	*9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster ..	9½%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6½%, up to £25,000, 6¾%, over £25,000, 7¼%.

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

DIVIDEND NO. 92 ON THE 6 PER CENT CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK

Further to the dividend notice advertised in the press on the 7th June, 1975, the conversion rate applicable to payments in United Kingdom currency in respect of the abovementioned dividend is £1=R1.558445 equivalent to 1.92499p per share.

The effective rate of South African Non-Resident Shareholders' Tax is 13.479 per cent.

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22nd July, 1975.

DE BEERS CONSOLIDATED MINES LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

PREFERENCE DIVIDEND NO. 132

Further to the dividend notice advertised in the press on the 21st May, 1975, the conversion rate applicable to payments in United Kingdom currency in respect of the abovementioned dividend is £1=R1.558445 equivalent to 2.40624p per share.

The effective rate of South African Non-Resident Shareholders' Tax is 5 per cent.

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22nd July, 1975

M. J. H. NIGHTINGALE & CO. LIMITED
62-63 Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8HR Tel: 01-638 8651

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	40	—	3.0	7.5	4.5
136	90	Henry Sykes	122	—	5.0	4.1	8.1
31	29	Twinlock Ord	32	—	0.9	2.9	7.9
65	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	65	—	12.0	18.5	—
53	48	Unilock	53	—	4.5	8.3	10.3

Coffee futures react from recent highs

On the London coffee market yesterday robusta futures reacted from recent record highs under local selling, profit taking and long liquidation. Price movements were irregular as any sign of buying resistance caused rapid withdrawal of sellers.

By the close, values were £140 to £70 lower on balance. Arabicas closed 100 points higher to 115 points lower in the traded months. ROBUSTAS.—July, £700-800 a metric ton; Sept, £714-16.50; Nov, £706-708; Jan, £706.50-709; March, £710-711; May, £711-18.0; July, £710-720. Sales: 3,962 lots. ARABICAS.—Aug, $88.50-94 per 50 kilos; Oct, $86-87.50; Dec, $87.50-88.50; Feb, $90-90.50; April, $90.50-90.70; June, $91.50-95.00; Aug, $92.50-95. Sales: 77 lots.

COPPER.—Wire bars (cash) rose by £11.50 yesterday and three months wire bars by £11.25. Cash cathodes were £11.00 dearer and three months cathodes £10.75 up.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £573-74.00 a metric ton; three months, £592.0-92.50. Sales, 5,450 tons. Cash cathodes, £561.0-62.00; three months, £579.50-80.50. Sales, 150 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £568-68.50; three months, £587-87.50. Settlement, £568.50. Sales, 4,425 tons. Cash cathodes, £557-57.50; three months, £575.50-76.00. Settlement, £557.50. Sales, 250 tons.

SILVER.—On the LME yesterday, cash metal finished 4.45p higher, three months 4.50p dearer and seven months 4.30p up.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 217p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 474.3); three months, 220.70p (483.2c); six months, 229.30p (495.8c); one-year, 243.10p (515c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 281.1-18.3p; three months, 225.7-25.8p; seven months, 231.5-32.0p. Sales, 77 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 218.1-18.3p; three months, 223.6-23.7p; seven months, 231.5-32.0p. Settlement, 218.5p. Sales, 98 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was steady; high-grade was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,100-3,105 a metric ton; three months, £3,125-3,125. Sales, 60 tons. High grade, Cash, £3,100-3,105; three months, £3,125-25. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—

Foreign Exchange

The pound had a fairly good session on the exchanges yesterday. It lost some ground against a firm dollar, but advanced against European currencies. It closed 65 points lower against the dollar, at $2.1785, but its "floating devaluation" rate improved from 26.5 to 26.3 per cent. The Bank of England was thought to have bought some dollars to add to the reserves.

Gold rose by $1.05 an ounce to $165.30.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) July 22	Market rates (close) July 22
New York	$2.1725-1885	$2.1780-1790
Montreal	$2.2390-2535	$2.2480-2490
Amsterdam	5.61-65fl	5.62¾-63¾fl
Brussels	80.90-81.80f	81.05-25f
Copenhagen	12.55-62k	12.56½-57½k
Frankfurt	5.44-48m	5.45½-46½m
Lisbon	55.90-56.30e	56.00-20e
Madrid	125.30-126.30p	125.60-80p
Milan	1423-30lr	1424-26lr
Oslo	11.46-50k	11.46½-47½k
Paris	9.32-38f	9.33-34f
Stockholm	9.10-13k	9.11½-12½k
Tokyo	640-50y	645-47y
Vienna	38.30-70sch	38.40-60sch
Zurich	5.75-79f	5.76½-77½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 down 0.2% to 26.3%.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.70-.60c prem	1.70-1.60c prem
Montreal	.60-.50c prem	1.60-1.50c prem
Amsterdam	3¼-2¼c prem	8¼-8¼c prem
Brussels	20c prem-par	50-30c prem
Copenhagen	1ore prem-1ore disc	9¾-5¾ore prem
Frankfurt	3-2pf prem	8¾-7¾pf prem
Lisbon	30c prem-4c disc	60c prem-90c disc
Milan	3-6lr disc	10-13lr disc
Oslo	5-3ore prem	11½-9½ore prem
Paris	par-2c disc	3½-5½c disc
Stockholm	2ore prem-par	4-2ore prem
Vienna	25gro prem-par	50-20gro prem
Zurich	3-2c prem	8¾-7¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9697-9700.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¾-6¼; seven days, 5¾-6¼; one month, 6¼-6¾; three months, 7¼-7¾; six months, 7¾-8¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $164.90 (an ounce); pm, $165.25.

Krugerrand (per coin): $173-175 (£79½-80½) (domestic); $170-172 (£77¾-78¾) (international). Sovereigns (old), $50¼-52¾ (£23-23½) (new), $50¼-51½ (£23-23½) (international).

Discount market

Discount houses encountered quite heavy "calling" from all quarters yesterday and with little or no money coming on offer rates settled around 9¾ per cent for most of the day, easing only slightly to 8½ to 9½ per cent for final balances.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 2/5/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 10 Close 8¾
Week Fixed: 9¾-10

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅞	2 months	9¾
3 months	9⅞	3 months	9⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9¾-9⅝	3 months	9⅞
3 months	9¹³⁄₁₆-9¹¹⁄₁₆	4 months	10¼
4 months	9¾-9⅝	6 months	10⅜
6 months	9¾-9⅝		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-9¾	7 months	10¼-9¾
2 months	10¼-9¾	8 months	10¼-9¾
3 months	10¼-9¾	9 months	11-10½
4 months	10¼-9¾	10 months	11-10½
5 months	10¼-9¾	11 months	11-10½
6 months	10¼-9¾	12 months	11¼-10¾

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9¹³⁄₁₆	6 months	10¼-9¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 months	9⅞-9¾	12 months	10⅝-10⁷⁄₁₆

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9½	3 months	9¾
7 days	9¾	6 months	10
1 month	9¾	1 year	11⅛

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 9½ Close 8

1 week	9¾-9½	6 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-10
1 month	9¾	9 months	10⅛-10⅜
3 months	9¹³⁄₁₆-9¹¹⁄₁₆	12 months	10⅜-10⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 10⅛ 6 months 10½

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Alcord and Smithers 25p	155
Barnet 13½% 1980 (£100b)	£10¾-¼
Do 14% 1984-85 (£100b)	£11¼-¼
Cambridge Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b)	£10¾
Clive Discount (20)	31
Derby 13½% 1982 (£98½b)	£10¾-¼
E. Surrey Wtr 9% Rd Pf (+b)	£10¾
English Prop 12% Cnv (£100)(†)	£1½ prem
Estates Hse Inv 25p Ord	195
Folkestone Wtr 9% Pf (†)	£100¾
Lawrence (Walter) 25p Ord (85)	58
Mitchell Cotts 13% Cnv (£100)	£101½
Nth Surrey Wtr 9% Pf (+)	£100¾
Sunderland Wtr 9% Rd Pf (+b)	£10½
Treasury 13½% 1997 (£94½b)	£94½
Waterford Glass 10% Cnv (100)	99-1
Westminster 13½% 1981 (£97½f)	£30¾-¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Anderson Strathclyde (10½)	Aug 29	1½ prem
Brit Steam (50½)	Sept 9	3½ prem-½
CompAir (45)	Sept 8	3¾ prem
Feedex (103)	Sept 5	9 prem
Legal and Gen (103½)	Aug 15	8 prem
Metal Box (28½)	Aug 29	13 prem
Premier Cons (5½)	July 11	11½ prem
Redland (67)	Aug 19	1 prem
Renold (106)		6 prem
Siebe Gorman (80½)	Sept 12	26 prem
Smiths Ind (95½)	Sept 5	¼ prem
Tate and Lyle (370)	Oct 3	18 prem
Wheatsheaf (110)	Aug 29	17 prem-3

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £35 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Commodities

Standard cash, £3,108-09; three months, £3,129.50. Settlement, £3,109. Sales, 750 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,108-09; three months, £3,129-30. Settlement, £3,109. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M983.125 a picul.

LEAD closed steady, quiet. Afternoon.—Cash, £170-70.50 a metric ton; three months, £176.50-77. Sales, 400 tons. Morning.—Cash, £169.50-70.00; three months, £176.50-77.00. Settlement, £170. Sales, 3,125 tons.

ZINC was steady. Afternoon.—Cash, £324-25.00 a metric ton; three months, £328.75-29. Sales, 1,700 tons. Morning.—Cash, £323-25.00; three months, £327.28. Settlement, £325. Sales, 1,900 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM rose by £2.75 to £75.25 ($164.25) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet. Bangladesh white "C" grade, July-Aug, £195; "D" grade, July-Aug, £188 per long ton. Calcutta steady. Indian, July, Rs465; Dundee Daisee, July, Rs420 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL: Greasy futures were quiet. July, 158-60.5p per kilo; Oct, 162-65p; Dec, 166-69p; March, 172-75p; May, 174-76p; July, 176-78p; Oct, 179-82p; Dec, 180-85p. Sales, nil.

RUBBER eased after a somewhat mixed opening. The terminal closed irregular at 0.35p per kilo higher on balance to 0.75p lower. The terminal was steadier in the nears at the opening but down in the forwards. The subsequent easier pattern was attributed by dealers to further declines in the East after hours.

RUBBER.—Aug, 36.50-39.50p per kilo; Sept, 37-39.50p; Oct-Dec, 37.75-38.15p; Jan-March, 38-38.10p; April-June, 38.35-38.55p; July-Sept, 38.95-39p; Oct-Dec, 39.75-39.95p; Jan-March, 40.30-40.85p; April-June, 40.80-41.50p. Sales, 546 lots, at 15 tonnes, including three options.

RUBBER PHYSICALS.—Spot, 34.25-36.75p. Cifs, Aug, 29.75-30p; Sept, 30.50-31p.

EGGS.—Home-produced: The trade continues to enjoy a buoyant demand for all grades. Supplies of large brown are short in some areas.

Imported: Although prices are higher, a steady trade is in progress.

Home-produced market prices (in £), based on trading packer, first-hand:

	Wed-Thur-Fri	Mon-Tues
White large	£2.80 to 3.00	£3.10 to 3.20
standard	£2.00 to 2.35	£2.40 to 2.50
medium	£1.60 to 1.90	£2.00 to 2.10
small	£1.25 to 1.60	£1.65 to 1.75
Brown large	£3.30 to 3.50	£3.50 to 3.60
standard	£2.20 to 2.40	£2.50 to 2.60

Imported prices (in £). Current Arrivals (July 31-36): French 1's, £4.15 to 4.00; 2's, £3.55 to 3.65; 3's, £2.95 to 3.98; 4's, £2.70 to 2.80; 6's, £1.80; 7's, £1.50.

Dutch 5's, £2.10; 6's, £1.85.

Note: All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF.—Scotch killed sides, 29.0-33.0p per lb; English hindquarters, heavy, 38.0-39.5p; Eire hindquarters, 37.0-39.0p; Eire forequarters, 17.0-19.0p.

VEAL.—English fats, 36.0-42.0p; *English fats, 45.0p; English bobbies, 10.0-12.0p; Scotch bobbies, 9.0-12.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 55.0-60.0p; *Dutch hinds and ends, 57.0p.

LAMB.—English small, 28.0-35.0p; *English small, 36.0p; English medium, 29.0-32.0p; English heavy, 27.0-30.0p; Scotch medium, 29.0-31.0p; Scotch heavy, 27.0-29.0p.

Imported frozen: New Zealand 2's, 29.0-30.0p; New Zealand 3's, 30.0-30.0p; New Zealand 8's, 28.0-29.0p; New Zealand YL's, 27.0-28.0p. EWES, 12.0-12.0p.

PORK.—English, under 100lb, 26.0-32.5p; English, 100-120lb, 26.0-31.5p; English, 120-160lb, 26.5-30.0p; English, 160-180lb, 23.5-27.5p; English, 180lb and over, 24.5-27.5p.

* Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COCOA futures swung widely in speculative activity yesterday afternoon. But closed steady, having staged a decisive run-up based on shortcovering of nearby positions. On-balance gains finally ranged from £33.50 (spot July) to £9.00 per tonne. But all positions closed below newly-established "highs" for the day.

Dealers attributed the late-session advance to technical tightness of the nears.

July, £656.5-60.0 per metric ton; Sept, £648.0-49.0; New Dec, £623.5-27.0; March, £611.0-12.0; May, £607.0-08.0; July, £615.0-15.0; Sept, £613.0-16.0. Sales: 8,555 lots, including 11 options. ICO prices, daily, 57.58c; 15-day average, 50.54c; 22-day, 48.13c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR: fixed trade and speculative activity was evident. At the close values were £6.55 to £5 higher on balance. The London daily prices for raws and "whites" were both up £5, to £190 and £200 respectively. Aug, £190-91 a long ton; Oct, £183.75-85.50; Dec, £183.50-84.00; March, £181-81.50; May, £180.75-81.00; Aug, £180.50-81.25; Oct, £181-81.50. Sales 5,051 lots. ISA prices: daily, 17.22c; 17-day average, 15.65c (US cents per lb).

TEA.—There was a good general demand for the 9,032 packages of Sri Lanka tea offered at yesterday's auction, the Teabrokers' Association reports.

The offerings were mostly plainer sorts and bops were 1p per kilo easier. There was quiet a good demand for the 1,818 packages of South India tea, but prices were generally lower, especially for plainer liquoring and poor leaf descriptions.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quietly steady.—Aug, £79.70-81.00 per metric ton; Oct, £80.50-81.00; Dec, £80.70-81.00; Feb, £81.60-81.90; April, £83.00-83.10; June, £83.60-84.00; Aug, £84.20-84.50. Sales, 33 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Imported grains remained lifeless. Sellers raised prices for United States wheats and maize, but buyers were reluctant to follow the advances and fresh business was slow to develop.

WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent, Aug, £91.50; Oct, £87.00 direct shipment Tilbury. EEC milling, Aug, £61; Sept, £63 east coast. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French, July, £58; Aug, £60.50 trans-shipment east coast. South African white, Aug-Sept, £69.50 Glasgow nominal. South African yellow, Aug-Sept, £69.00 Glasgow nominal.

BARLEY.—EEC feed, Aug, £57.25 east coast. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY steady. Sept, £56.90; Nov, £58.85; Jan, £60.95; March, £63.00; May, £64.60. WHEAT, steady. Sept, £58.95; Nov, £61.05; Jan, £63.35; March, £65.60; May, £67.25. All a long ton.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd, Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775
33.6 20.6 Giants 27.8 29.6 4.00
35.0 21.7 Do Accum 30.1 32.0 4.00
30.8 18.2 Growth 24.8 26.6 4.50
32.2 19.0 Do Accum 27.1 28.9 4.50
30.7 20.7 Income 28.2 31.4 8.20
33.3 23.4 Do Accum 29.2 31.4 6.20
22.9 15.6 East & Int Acc 19.3 20.3 2.70

Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941
31.3 10.8 Abbey Capital 17.9 20.0 4.85
35.1 19.2 Abbey General 29.2 31.0 4.54
24.2 11.0 Do Income 23.5 25.5 6.29
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* Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. r Dealings suspended. e Sub-divided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday, (8) July 30, (9) July 29, (10) July 31, (14) Aug 1, (15) July 30, (16) Aug 5, (18) Aug 5, (19) July 24, (20) 25th of month, (21) 2nd Thursday of month, (23) 20th of month, (24) 1st Tuesday of month, (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, (26) 4th Thursday of month, (27) 1st Wednesday of month, (28) Last Thursday of month, (29) 3rd working day of month, (30) 16th of month, (31) 1st working day of month, (32) 20th of month, (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov, (34) Last working day of month, (35) 15th of month, (36) 14th of month, (37) 21st of each month, (38) 3rd Wednesday of month, (39) 2nd Wednesday of month.

"I have every confidence that our company can remain viable and independent, and with its present product range will be able to compete favourably in world markets."

...says ERF's Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. Peter Foden.

ERF (HOLDINGS) LIMITED:
Consolidated Profit and Loss Account Year ending 31st March, 1975.

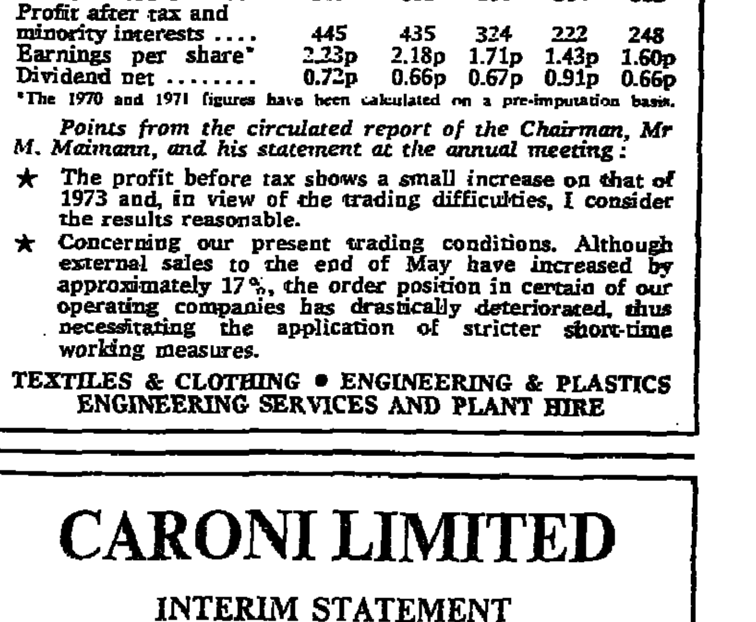
	1975 £	1974 £
Sales to external customers	21,705,326	17,267,908
Trading Profit	828,770	1,030,289
Interest payable on loan capital	124,110	99,676
Profit before Taxation	704,660	930,613
Taxation (all UK)	417,392	504,667
Profit after Tax	287,268	425,946
Extraordinary items	(250)	62,015
Attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	287,018	487,961
Dividends	110,731	152,883
Retained Profit	176,287	335,078
Earnings per share	6.51p	9.97p
Fully diluted by convertible loan	6.12p	9.20p

"Our company – as with others in the motor industry – is being severely affected by the current recession...

...it is gratifying to note that even in a depressed market there is still business to be gained when a vehicle designed to suit the most stringent needs of the modern operator – as our 'B' series is – can be offered.

Our Fire Engineering Company commenced full operation during last summer, and its first few months of operation have produced a very satisfactory result."

(Extracts from the Chairman's Statement to the Shareholders, 1975)



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GREENE KING

Brewers — Bury St. Edmunds

GOOD PROGRESS

	1975 (53 weeks) £	1974 (52 weeks) £
Turnover	20,238,459	15,550,631
Profit before Tax	2,002,819	1,838,094
Taxation	829,012	832,073
Profit after Tax	1,173,807	1,006,021
Final Dividend	2.9573p per share	2.7978p per share

In his review of the year, the Chairman, Sir Hugh Greene, KCMG, OBE says:—

- We have again achieved higher sales and pre-tax profits for the ninth consecutive year.
- The main growth came in draught beer of all sorts especially traditional Bitter and Abbot Ale. The increasing popularity of these is due in part to their competitive price but also the skill of our brewing staff and the care exercised in serving draught beer.
- The great efforts made by all employed and our tenants will, I am sure, be maintained and keep this Company in good shape whatever conditions are encountered in the current year.

FRANCIS SUMNER (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

	1974 £'000	1973 £'000	1972 £'000	1971 £'000	1970 £'000
Sales	12,692	10,213	7,896	6,084	5,985
Profit before tax	907	833	585	304	352
Profit after tax and minority interests	445	435	324	222	248
Earnings per share*	2.23p	2.18p	1.71p	1.43p	1.60p
Dividend net	0.72p	0.66p	0.67p	0.91p	0.66p

*The 1970 and 1971 figures have been calculated on a pre-imputation basis.

Points from the circulated report of the Chairman, Mr M. Maimann, and his statement at the annual meeting:

★ The profit before tax shows a small increase on that of 1973 and, in view of the trading difficulties, I consider the results reasonable.

★ Concerning our present trading conditions. Although external sales to the end of May have increased by approximately 17%, the order position in certain of our operating companies has drastically deteriorated, thus necessitating the application of stricter short-time working measures.

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CARONI LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT

The 1975 sugar crop in Trinidad will soon be completed. The Company's production is expected to amount to approximately 140,000 tons sugar as compared with 167,231 tons last year.

The Chairman in his statement last year stated inter alia "provided that there are no major set-backs because of adverse weather conditions or labour unrest, 1975 should be a good crop year". However, this was not the case and the drastic decline in production was due to a "don't cut" campaign by farmers and a prolonged strike by employees. Although the "don't cut" campaign by farmers was called off and employees returned to their jobs, all the matters in dispute between the Company and Unions have not been settled and these have been referred to the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago.

After provision for wage and salary increases from January 1st, 1975, on the basis of the Company's offers, it is anticipated that the profit before tax will be in the order of £3,500,000 as compared with £1,962,607 last year.

This profit also takes into account the proposed Export Levy at levels indicated by the Minister of Finance in his Budget Speech in December, 1974. This Export Levy is estimated at £10,500,000.

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began July 14. Dealings End July 25. § Contango Day, July 28. Settlement Day, Aug 5.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
75½	41	Allied	60	..	4.8	7.9	10.1
117	41	Bass Charrgton	85	..	5.6	6.7	8.7
103¾	71	Bell A	93	..	3.5b	3.7	4.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Boddingtons	45	..	4.0	4.5	12.4
42	[illegible]	Brown M	36	-2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Burtonwood	74	• ..	3.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
121	40	Cameron J.W	115	-¼	5.0	4.3	14.1
50	[illegible]	C of Ldn Dfd	35	..	2.8b	7.5	18.8
175	60	Devenish	112	..	7.1	6.4	8.5
132	63	Distillers	112	..	8.3	7.4	11.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Greenall	51	+1	3.2	6.2	10.0
170	70	Greene King	130	• ..	6.5	5.1	9.5
[illegible]	75	Guinness	107	..	8.5	7.9	8.4
85	48	Hardys & H'sons	83	..	7.2	8.7	8.3
132	63	Highland	85	..	7.0	8.0	8.3
34	16	Invergordon	24	..	2.5	10.9	6.0
75	24	Irish Distillers	62	..	3.3	5.3	9.5
255	70	Long John Int	230	h ..	6.6	2.9	18.8
45	17	Marston	36	..	2.2	6.0	8.6
390	85	Morland & Co	265	..	14.6	5.5	13.4
74½	23	Scot & Newcastle	49	+1	3.9	7.9	10.1
25¼	13	Seagram	£23⅝	+¼	33.5	1.4	23.1
[illegible]	31	SA Breweries	116½	-1½	5.7	4.5	10.3
140	63	Teacher	205	..	12.3	6.0	11.0
[illegible]	45	Tomatin	82	-1	7.8	5.7	7.8
[illegible]	102	Vaux	265	..	19.8	7.5	8.3
78½	31½	Whitbread 'A'	55	• +1	4.5	8.2	12.0
79½	32½	Do B	54½	• +½	4.5	8.3	11.3
125	48	Whitbread Inv	97	..	5.6	6.9	17.0
155	54	Wolverhampton	115	-1	6.3	5.7	11.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
62	12	Ang-Cont Inv	61	..	..	..	10.7
58	28	Argentine S Lnd	58	h ..	4.8t	7.7	10.0
120	28	Assam Trdng 'B'	130	..	2.6	2.0	..
29	13	Bousted	23	..	1.7	7.3	7.3
75	6	Brit Debt Serv	10	..	..	..	..
110	40	BET Dfd	65	..	6.2	9.8	5.4
25½	7	Cap & Sheer	16½	..	2.8	17.2	7.3
177	97	Challenge Corp	128	..	7.0	5.5	7.3
27½	8	Chancery Cons	26½	..	0.7	2.7	10.9
72	21	Charterhse Grp	34	..	4.7	10.9	7.5
85	18	Charterland	77	..	3.0	3.8	14.4
32	19	C Fin de Suez	£25¼	+¼	..	..	..
50	7	Corinthian	10	..	..	..	..
270	92	Daily Mail Tst	152	-5	14.7	9.6	16.8
280	93	Do A	152	-5	14.7	9.6	16.8
285	83	Dalgety	208	..	12.1	5.8	5.4
65	6	Dawnay Day	13½	-½	..	e	..
25	12	Edin Ind Hldgs	12	-½	..	..	..
96	5	Equity Ent	18	f ..	2.7	14.8	..
23	10	Erlangers & Gen	13½	..	..	..	..
147	22	FC Finance	127	..	2.5	1.9	14.2
43	11	Goode D & M Grp	18	..	1.2	6.6	6.4
48	12	Hoehlyn 'A'	41	..	1.8	4.5	10.6
437	133	Inchcape	363	..	10.8	3.0	9.7
25	11	Investment Co	19	..	1.3	6.9	8.4
84	11	Jessel Secs	11	f ..	3.3	47.7	1.3
42	6	Do Dfd	6	f ..	..	..	..
27	13	Kwahu Co	22	..	2.3b	10.5	10.5
80	34	Lloyds & Scot	56	..	4.6	8.3	11.4
78	18	Ldn & Euro Secs	38	-½	2.4	6.3	23.0
18	13	Ldn Aust & Gen	18	..	..	..	8.7
87	31½	Ldn Utd Inv	65	-1	5.3b	8.1	13.3
43	20	Manson Fin	25	..	5.2	20.6	6.3
80	20	Martin R. P.	30	..	5.2	16.4	4.9
64	11	Mercantile Crdt	28½	h -½	..	e	17.5
14½	14½	Moorgate Merc	14½	f ..	1.4	9.5	6.9
27	12	NMC Invest	21	..	2.0	9.5	13.5
134	27	Prov Fin Grp	70	..	5.5	7.9	9.4
124	42	Sime Darby	76	..	1.9	2.5	9.5
50	15	Smith Bros	38	..	5.2b	13.7	4.6
10⅝	6	Tyndall O'seas	£7¼	..	49.4	6.4	..
84	10	Utd Dom Tst	16	..	..	..	8.2
80	3	Vavasseur	15	..	..	..	..
78	9	Wagon Fin	20	..	2.2	11.2	7.8
34	17	Western Sel	28	..	1.8	6.2	6.7
48	19	Yule Catto	36	..	1.6	4.4	14.5

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
59½	33½	Ampol Pet	40	..	2.9	7.2	10.8
91	53	Attock	63	..	6.3e	10.0	23.6
181	70	Berry Wiggins	73	..	2.9	3.8	16.1
150	68	Brit Borneo	152	..	7.8	5.1	20.0
594	191	BP	517	-3	25.2	4.9	3.5
498	27	Burmah Oil	29	..	..	..	..
29	11½	C F Petroles	124	..	..	..	..
109	32	Oil Exploration	65	-1	2.4	3.7	20.9
19¼	7	Premier Cons	11½	..	..	..	..
30¾	8	Ranger Oil	£14	+¼	..	..	..
31	14¼	Royal Dutch	£27	+¼	240	5.2	4.4
338	119	Shell	303	• -5	17.9	5.9	3.4
190	50	Tricentrol	66	+1	..	..	12.9
340	66	Ultramar	182	-1	..	..	4.1

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39½	23	Anglo-Indonesia	33	-½	3.9	11.7	..
73	45	Bradwall FMS	61	..	3.1	5.1	..
118	57	Castlefield	89	..	3.0	3.4	..
31½	16	Chersonese	28	..	1.6	5.7	..
66	26	Cons Plant	55½	..	4.4	7.9	..
24	8½	Doranakande	8½	• ..	1.4	16.0	..
56	27	E. Asiatic	52	-½	2.5	4.8	..
73	38	Gadek	60	..	2.8	4.7	..
58	28	Golden Hope	49½	-½	3.9	5.8	..
8½	4¼	Grand Central	8	..	0.8	9.4	..
415	138	Guthrie Corp	175	..	20.3	11.6	..
57½	23	Highlds & Low	37	-½	1.5	4.0	..
100	45	Hongkong	51	..	6.0	12.8	..
150	87	Killinghall	87	..	8.5	9.6	..
32½	15½	Kuala Grp	24½	..	2.1	8.5	..
57½	26	Ldn Asiatic	49½	-½	3.2	6.5	..
39½	20	Ldn Sumatra	29	-1	1.5	5.3	..
27½	16½	Majedie	24	..	0.8	3.3	..
14½	5½	Malayalam	7¼	..	..	..	..
91	11	Muar River	41	..	2.0	4.7	..
33	25	Pataling	41	-½	3.1	7.1	..
30	29½	Plant Hldgs	37½	..	2.5	6.7	..
14	7	Sungei Krian	£19½	..	46.5	4.4	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
85	50	Assam Frontier	85	..	10.0	11.6	..
54	28	Assam Inv	43	..	4.7	11.0	..
48	27	Camellia Inv	45	..	2.2	5.0	..
52	30	Chirmace	50	• ..	9.2	18.5	..
113	78	Crosby Hse	108	..	13.1	12.1	..
32	12	Deundi	19	..	..	..	..
130	130	Doolahat	130	f ..	5.0	3.8	..
117	65	Jokai	117	..	10.3b	8.8	..
150	45	McLeod Russel	78	..	9.2b	11.8	..
98	50	Moran	58	..	8.1	8.3	..
31	23	Ourali Hlghlds	25	+½	2.2	7.9	..
44	21	Peacock Sastal	26½	+½	3.8	13.5	..
23	18	Sima India	24	..	..	..	..
25	14	Surmah Valley	16	..	..	..	..
100	58	Warren Tea	70	..	9.1	13.0	..
45	20	Western Dooars	45	..	6.0	13.3	..
80	56	Williamson Hldgs	66	..	8.3	9.5	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
11¼	5⅝	Algoma Cen Rly	£9⅝	..	26.0	[illegible]	..
20	5	Antofagasta	£10½	e ..	..	..	..
45	12	Calcutta Elec	34	..	..	..	..
50	34	E Surrey W 7%	£39	..	700	17.9	..
35½	25½	Essex Wtr 5%	£29	..	500	17.2	..
202	46	Felixstowe Dock	67	..	9.7	14.5	8.6
385	100	Imp Cont Gas	365	-3	10.4	2.8	22.8
430	110	LET Hldgs	120	h ..	3.1	2.6	..
30½	28	Mid Kent Wtr	£28	..	500	17.9	..
132	35	Milford Docks	70	..	..	..	13.2
98	58	Nigerian Elec	98	..	11.8	12.0	..
388	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	390	..	24.6	6.8	13.0
35½	26	Sunderlnd Wtr	£29½	..	300	16.9	..

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
232	81	Brit & Comm	172	-3	10.7	6.2	8.0
93	50	Fisher J.	73	..	3.6	4.8	3.9
350	103	Furness Withy	340	-10	9.4	2.8	5.4
160	43	Hill C. Bristol	60	e ..	4.0	6.7	..
310	75	Hunting Gibson	157	..	13.8	8.8	2.9
42½	14	Jacobs J. I.	17½	..	2.3	13.0	5.1
195	27	Manch Liners	195	..	7.5	3.8	5.3
121	50	Ocean Trans	98	-½	9.5a	9.7	9.6
134	67	P & O 'Dfd'	86	-1	8.1	9.4	..
115	58	Runciman W	100	..	8.7b	8.7	4.3

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
450	250	Amal Colls	420	..	23.1	5.5	..
338	240	Anglo Am Corp	445	+20	17.8	4.0	..
40½	20	Ang Am Gold	£39¾	+¼	169	4.2	..
33	13¼	Anglo Am Inv	£31½	..	179	5.7	..
18	6	Anglo Transvl	£13	..	61.2	4.1	..
18	6	Do A	£15	..	61.2	4.1	..
166	71	Ayer Hitam	123	+3	14.6	11.9	..
58	11	Beralt Tin	12	+1	..	e	..
145	43	Bishopsgate Pl	108	+3	..	..	..
10⅝	5½	Blyvoors	£8¼	+⅛	63.5	4.7	..
280	46	Botswana RST	88	..	..	..	..
360	162	Bracken Mines	285	+5	36.3	12.7	..
264	128	BH South	185	..	7.3	4.7	..
[illegible]	12½	Buffelsfontein	£19¾	+¼	114	6.2	..
221	83	Charter Cons	168	+4	9.6	5.7	..
237	154	Cons Gold Fields	230	+9	10.0	4.3	..
40	7	Daggafontein	15½	..	..	..	..
343	154	De Beers 'Dfd'	310	+2	15.3	4.9	..
14½	6½	Doornfontein	£10¼	+¼	70.2	6.5	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Durban Rood	£9¼	+¼	23.3	2.4	..
195	45	East Dagga	80	..	15.7	26.1	..
12⅝	5	E Driefontein	£8⅝	+⅛	41.5	..	..
48	16	E Rand Cons	20	..	1.4	7.1	..
21	5⅞	E. Rand Prop	£7⅞	+⅛	34.3	2.5	..
455	190	Elsburg Gold	365	+15	28.6	..	..
17½	11	Ex-Lands	15	..	2.3	15.4	..
22¼	10¾	F S Geduld	£20¾	+¼	191	6.7	..
400	200	Geduld Inv	400	..	21.1	3.3	..
300	195	Geevor Tin	195	..	30.6	15.7	..
36½	14½	Gen Mining	£31½	..	134b	4.2	..
18	9	Gold & Base	13	..	1.3	9.8	..
257	150	Gopeng Cons	205	-3	21.9	10.7	..
83	23	Gt Boulder Gold	73	h +1	1.2	..	..
510	130	Grootvlei	240	+6	12.1	5.1	..
185	74	Hamersley	130	+5	..	..	..
167	50	Hampton Gold	109	..	1.8	1.8	..
10½	4⅝	Harmony	£5¾	..	47.5	5.8	..
31	13¼	Hartebeest	£28¼	+¼	137	3.5	..
27½	9	Jo'burg Cons	£25	+¼	87.4	3.5	..
820	305	Kinross	670	+10	33.1	3.2	..
16½	8¼	Kloof	£10⅝	+¼	33.1	3.3	..
232	77	Leslie	120	+4	14.2	11.8	..
17¼	6⅝	Libanon	£10¼	+¼	70.2	6.9	..
185	100	Ldn Tin	160	-1	10.5	6.6	..
79¼	75	Lydenburg Plat	143	+3	..	e	..
244	94	MIM Hldgs	165	-3	5.9	3.2	..
180	63	MTD (Mangula)	75	..	8.2	11.0	..
210	80	Malayan Tin	168	..	15.5	9.2	..
400	260	Marievale Con	330	+30	27.1	8.2	..
300	160	Messina Trans	320	..	20.4	6.4	..
77	22	Metals Explor	34	..	..	..	..
345	230	Middle Wits	460	+6	15.0	3.3	..

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. g Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 23.07.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1950):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	127.08	7.63	15.69	127.07
Largest Coys.	128.86	7.41	14.91	128.86
Smaller Coys.	127.44	8.57	18.58	127.43
Capital Goods	128.58	8.28	16.21	134.55
Consumer Goods	146.49	7.00	13.33	146.16
Store Shares	109.27	5.62	8.76	108.85
Largest financial shares	166.17	5.86	—	165.86
Largest financial and industrial shares	134.34	7.12	—	134.56
Commodity shares	223.36	4.53	13.55	222.74
Gold Mining shares	567.34	5.37	8.40	574.46
Industrial debenture stocks	77.29	7.98*	—	77.30
Industrial preference stocks	51.61	14.10*	—	50.27
3½% War Loan	26¾	13.83*	—	26¾

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1975	150.16 (09.06.75)	61.49 (08.01.75)
1974	138.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	198.27 (15.01.73)	120.88 (14.12.73)
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University of Kent at Canterbury

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(Faculty of Medicine)

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Christchurch, New Zealand

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Applications are invited for the position of Lecturer or Senior Lecturer in Anaesthesia at the Christchurch Clinical School. An applicant must hold the Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of one of the Royal Colleges or an equivalent higher qualification and should be registrable as a medical specialist in New Zealand. Applicants must be prepared to undertake teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels and also to collaborate in the investigative programme being undertaken in the Department of Anaesthesia. The successful applicant will be expected to undertake service commitments to the North Canterbury Hospital Board. He will be expected to take up his position as soon as possible.
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Further particulars may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF; from the Registrar, University of Otago, P.O. Box 56, Dunedin, New Zealand; or from Associate Professor J. M. Gibbs, Department of Anaesthesia, Clinical School, Christchurch Hospital, Christchurch, New Zealand.
Applications close on 31 August, 1975.

University of Western Australia, Perth

COMMERCE

Applications are invited for a visiting, temporary or permanent appointment in one or more of the following areas in the Department of Commerce:

LECTURER OR SENIOR LECTURER

1. In Accounting or Finance.
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Applications in duplicate stating full personal particulars, qualifications and experience should reach the Staffing Officer, University of Western Australia, Nedlands, Western Australia, 6009, by 30 August 1975. Candidates should request three referees to write immediately to the Staffing Officer.

Edinburgh University Students' Association

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Applications are invited from recent graduates for the post of Administrative Assistant, to be assumed in September 1975 or as soon as possible thereafter. The duties of the appointee will be to provide full-time professional support for the representational activities of the Students' Association on University committees. The post will involve a certain amount of committee work. The starting salary will be £2,118 per annum on a scale leading to £3,108 per annum in 6 annual increments. (Salary structure under review.) Normal University holidays. Further particulars are available from the Permanent Secretary, Edinburgh University Students' Association, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL, to whom *applications (6 copies) should* be submitted before Friday, 15th August, 1975. Please quote reference 4003.

The University College of Wales

ABERYSTWYTH

CHAIR OF STATISTICS

The College Council invites applications for the Chair of Statistics which will be vacated from 30 September, 1976 following the retirement of Professor Gwen L. Davies.
Further particulars available from the Registrar, to whom applications (12 copies) should be sent not later than 19 September, 1975.

University of Keele

LECTURER IN LAW

Applications invited for post of Lecturer in Department of Law from 1st October 1975 or as soon as possible thereafter, to assist in teaching of common law subjects such as contract, tort and/or criminal law. Appointment on first 3 points of Lecturer's scale, £2,118 to £2,412 plus threshold payments (under review). Application forms and further particulars from the Registrar, The University, Keele, Staffs., ST5 5BG, to whom completed forms should be returned by 20th August 1975.

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Applications are invited for two posts in modern history in the School of European Studies. One post will be on the Lecturer scale while the other may be on the Lecturer or on the Senior Lecturer/Reader scale. Both posts will involve teaching German history and the history of Europe in the 20th century. A research interest in German society will be an advantage for one of the posts, and an interest in relating history to the social sciences for both. Appointment to one of the posts will be initially within the first five points of the Lecturer scale (£2,118-£2,757). The successful applicants will be expected to take up their duties on 1 January, 1976, or such earlier date as may be arranged.

Lecturer scale: £2,118-£4,896. Second Lecturer scale: £4,707-£5,976. Scales under review.

Details from Establishment Officer, University of East Anglia, with whom applications (one copy only) together with names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made should be lodged not later than 20th September, 1975.

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES
University of London, W.C.1.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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THE SECRETARY, SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES, MALET STREET, LONDON WC1E 7HP.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Exeter
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(English for Overseas Doctors)

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The appointment is for one academic year in the first instance, with the possibility of an extension for a further two years. Salary will be £2,809 and threshold payment of £229 (currently under review) plus superannuation benefits.
Applicants should send particulars of their qualifications and experience, together with the names of two referees, to the Secretary of the University, Northcote House, The Queen's Drive, Exeter EX4 4QJ, by not later than July 31st. Interviews will be held early in August. Please quote reference no. 1/5/7094.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Hong Kong

CHAIR OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Applications are invited for this post, a second chair in the Department of English Studies and Comparative Literature. Candidates should have special qualifications in English and one other European literature but the teaching activities will focus on the main traditions of English and European literature. Candidates should preferably be interested in problems of the nature and function of literature and the discussion of these in the study of major European writings of one or more genres.
Annual salary (superannuable) will be within the professorial range and not less than HK$108,840. At the time of issue the rate of exchange is £1 equals HK$11.20 approx.
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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
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Appointees will be required to teach in one or more of the following areas: Production Engineering, Design, Materials Science, Mechanics of Machines. They will also be required to conduct and or supervise research preferably in topics relevant to Papua New Guinea.

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYING
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QUALIFICATIONS: Appropriate degree or equivalent qualification, and wide practical experience in the field of valuation. Teaching experience is desirable. In all cases the appointees will work under the direction of the Head of Department of Surveying and be responsible to him. They will be expected to carry out duties of teaching, fieldwork guidance, assessments, course and department administration and research.

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FACULTY OF GENERAL STUDIES
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & SOCIAL SCIENCE
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The successful candidates will be appointed at an appropriate level depending upon the qualifications and experience of the applicants. Applicants may indicate the level and position for which they wish to be considered.
The successful applicants will be involved in the teaching of Mathematics at the matriculation and at the undergraduate level to students in professional or technical areas of learning including Accounting, Architecture, Building, Engineering, Chemical Technology, Surveying and Forestry.
Candidates should have tertiary qualifications and have some teaching or tutorial experience at tertiary or upper secondary level. Applicants for the Senior Lecturer post should have postgraduate qualifications and appropriate research experience. The Department is introducing self paced methods of instruction and seeks the appointment of men or women with competence and experience in this field.

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Appointments will be on a contract basis for a maximum of three years in the first instance.
Applications in duplicate should include number of post applied for, particulars of age, nationality, marital status, family if any, qualifications, experience, present post and the names and addresses of three referees from whom confidential enquiries can be made.
The University reserves the right to make no appointment or to make an appointment by invitation at any stage.
Further information will be forwarded to all applicants. Applications are required by 30 September 1975, and should be sent to the Registrar, The Papua New Guinea University of Technology, P.O. Box 793, LAE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. An additional copy should be sent to the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, by the same date.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Melbourne

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Applications (three copies) naming three referees by August 1, 1975, to Assistant Registrar (C), University of Birmingham, Box 363, Birmingham, B15 2TT, from whom further particulars and application forms should be obtained. Please quote reference A.

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LEGAL NOTICES
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In Case No A 64/1975
Petitioner: SYLVIA THERESIA DESIREE CASTELLAN, Blomsteroen, 4, 1430 Neoddlangen, Norway.
Respondent: KEWAL KARSHAY ANAND, adr. unknown.
The parties are summoned to appear at the Final Hearing before the Ytre Follo County Court at Sorenskriverkontoret, Drobak ON FRIDAY, 24th OCTOBER 1975 at 10.00 A.M.
The parties must bring written evidence and other evidence they intend to plead.
The respondent is under no obligation to appear.
Complete summons can be derived at the court's office.
THE YTRE FOLLO COUNTY COURT
Drobak the 25th June 1975
EVEN RONVIK
Assistant Judge

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE in BANKRUPTCY. No. 199 of 1975.
Re: RICHARD JOHN BINGHAM, SEVENTH EARL OF LUCAN, whose present residence is unknown and lately residing at 5 Eaton Row, London, S.W.1 of No Occupation. (Under Receiving Order dated 30th June, 1975). First Meeting of Creditors 6th August, 1975 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon at (room 410) 4th Floor, Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2JY. Public Examination 20th November, 1975 at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon at Court No. 46 (Queen's Building), Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL.
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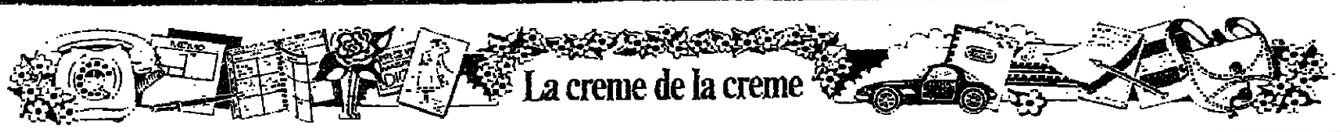
COMPANY NOTICES

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At the Annual General Meeting of the Company held today the following Resolution was passed:
That FINAL DIVIDENDS for the year ended 31st March, 1975, be DECLARED as follows:
5¼p per share upon the £10 Shares
5.4p per share upon the 25p Shares (fully paid)
2.1p per share upon the £1 "A" Shares
and that such Final DIVIDENDS be made PAYABLE on and after the 23rd day of July 1975 to the Shareholders on the respective Registers on the 27th day of June, 1975.
41 Bishopsgate, EC2P 2AA.
22nd July, 1975
A. J. GIBSON-WATT.
Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICES

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION
DECLARATION OF INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 1975

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The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of HKDlrs 0.16 per share costing HKDlrs 55.6 million (1974 HKDlrs 55.5 million) in respect of the year ending 31 December, 1975, payable on or after Friday, 29 August to shareholders on the register at 11 August, 1975. This is the same total distribution as for the Interim Dividend in 1974.
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The registers of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, 11 August to Saturday, 23 August (both dates inclusive). During this period no transfer of shares can be registered.
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Broadcasting

Television performs a public service tonight as it gets its teeth into the frightening danger of rabies (ITV 10.30). Earlier Lord Peter Wimsey discovers a corpse and Five Red Herrings to start off a four-part serial (BBC1 8.10). The horses are still at Wembley (BBC1 9.25) and some sporting daredevils are given an encore (BBC2 10.20). Reg Varney goes to Billingsgate for a new comedy series. His friends will hope he does not miss the bus (ITV 8.0). At tea-time in a new junior programme Harry Fowler lets his jaw drop on vintage cars (ITV 4.50).—L.B.

BBC 1

.05 am, Hector's House. 10-11.00, Daktari. 1.30 pm, Camberwick Green. 1.45-1.53, News. 4.25, Play School. 4.50, Shed. 5.15, Yao, African Prince.

.45 News. 6.00, Nationwide.
.55 Film, The Noose Hangs High, with Bud Abbott, Lou Costello.*
.10 Five Red Herrings, by Dorothy L. Sayers: Lord Peter Wimsey and his manservant in Scotland, part 1.
.00 News.
25 Royal International Horse Show in the presence of the Queen.
.40 Diane Solomon.
.10 The Rough with the Smooth, with Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Junkin.
40 Weather.
Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC1): WALES.—1.30-1.45 pm, Nant-ant. 5.15-5.35, Maidwynaidwyn. 5.35-5.48, The Clangers. 6.00-6.55, Heddiw. 7.20-8.10, Star Trek. .40, News of Wales. SCOTLAND.—6.00-6.55 pm, Reporting Scotland. Nationwide. 11.10-11.40, Breathing Space: The Sands of Forvie and Tonsay. 11.40, Scottish News summary. NORTHERN IRELAND.—6.00-6.55 pm, Scene Around Six. Nationwide. 11.40, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University: Development of Brain and Behaviour; 7.05, Climates of the Past; 7.30-7.55, Fluorine. 10.35, *Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan.* 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.00, Open University: Language and Learning; *5.25, English Houses of the 1930s;* 5.50, Reading Development; 6.15, Urban Renewal *in Chicago;* 6.40-7.05, Hamlet.

7.30 Newsday.
7.45 The Master Game: Chess Knockout semi-final.
8.10 The Ascent of Man by J. Bronowski, part 8: The Drive for Power.
9.00 Die Rote Kapelle: The Story of the Red Orchestra, part 2: 19 Altenburger Allee.
10.20 Beyond the Boundaries: Man's need for challenge and conquest.
11.05 News.
11.25-11.30, Martin Jarvis reads Owl, by George Macbeth.

Thames

10.50 am, Film, Cargo to Capetown, with Broderick Crawford, John Ireland, Ellen Drew.* 12.05 pm, Yoga for Health. *12.30, Yak. 12.40, Mr Trimble.* 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Mr and Mrs. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.25, Racing from Sandown Park. 4.25, Michael Bentine. 4.50, Going a Bundle. 5.20, The Brady Bunch.

5.50 News.
6.00 A Town Called . . . Heathrow, with Monty Modlyn.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Don't Ask Me.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 Down the 'Gate, with Reg Varney.
8.30 Film, The Stranger who Looks Like Me, with Beau Bridges, Meredith Baxter, Whitney Blake.
10.00 News.
10.30 Once Bitten: The Real Risk of Rabies.
11.15 Professional Wrestling.
12.00 Personal View, Lord Hailsham.

Southern

11.00 am, Yoga for Health. 11.25, Craftsmen of the Dinorwic. 11.40, See it While You Can. 12.05 pm, Skippy. 12.30, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, *New Who Do You Do?* 9.00, Hawaii Five-O. 10.00, Thames. 11.15, Film, The Sicilians, with Robert Hutton, Reginald Marsh, Ursula Howells.* 12.25 am, Southern News. 12.35, Weather. Guideline.

Anglia

.40 pm Thames. 1.25, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25 Thames. 5.20, Lassie. 6.00, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 15, Thames. 8.30, Shaft. 10.00, Thames. 12.00, The Big Question.

Yorkshire

40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.5, Thames. 8.30, Film, The Fall of Raymond, with Jane Wyman, Dean Stockwell, Dana Andrews. 10.5, Speedy Gonzales. 10.00, Thames. 12.00-12.30, Look Ahead.

Border

40 pm, Thames. 1.25, Border News.* 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.20, Lucy. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Cartoon. 5, Tenafly. 10.00, Thames. 45, Border News Summary.

Grampian

35 pm, Lunchtime Call. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Farming. 6.15, The American Style. 6.35, Thames. 30, Kung Fu. 9.30, Personal View. Vincent Price. 10.00, Thames. 12.00, Prayers.

Ulster

40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 30, Inner Space. 5.50, News. 6.00, Summer Reports. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Film, Blue Murder at St Trinians, with Terry Thomas, George Cole, Joyce Grenfell.* 10.00-12.00, Thames.

HTV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, The Galloping Gourmet. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.20, Orbit 5. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, Mr and Mrs. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Film, Two for the Money, with Robert Hooks, Stephen Brooks. 9.55, Gustavus. 10.00, Thames. 12.00, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.25-4.35, Miri Mawr. 4.35-4.50, Miri Mwy. 6.01-6.15, Y Dydd. 10.30, Ar Brawf. 11.15, Weather. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Report West.

Westward

11.25 am, Yoga for Health. 11.50, Rainbow Country. 12.15 pm, Skippy. 12.38, Gus Honeybun. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Circus. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Film, The Deadly Hunt, with Anjanette Comer, Jim Hutton, Tony Franciosa. 9.50, Vision USA. 10.00, Thames. 12.00, Westward News. 12.03 am, Faith for Life.

Tyne Tees

12.35 pm, Starting Point. 12.40, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.20, Woody Woodpecker. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Film, The Failing of Raymond, with Jane Wyman, Dean Stockwell. 10.00, Thames. 11.15, Kenneth McKellar. 11.45, News. 12.00, Epilogue.

Scottish

12.00, Orison. 12.15, Huntsman. 12.40, Thames. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Kiri. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scottish News. 6.05, Isabel. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, ATV. 10.00, News. 10.30, A Place in Europe, England. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-11.35, At Your Request.

ATV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, ATV Today. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Cartoon. 8.35, Cool Million. 10.00, Thames. 12.00, The Gospel in Song.

Granada

10.30 am, Sesame Street. 11.30, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. 12.10 pm, Passing Parade.* 12.20, Tomfoolery. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Gustavus. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Firehouse. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Film: Martin Milner, Linden Chiles and Clu Gulager in Sullivan's Empire. 10.00, Thames. 11.15, The Streets of San Francisco. 12.10-12.40 am, Inner Space.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 11.00, David Hamilton. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 12.45, Johnnie Walker. 2.02, Ed Stewart.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Anne Nightingale. 7.02, Lucky 13! 7.32, How the West was Sung.† 8.02, Country Club.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.06, Tom Edwards.† 12.05 am, Tom Edwards.† 12.31-12.33, News Summary.
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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing Bulletin.) 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3

7.00 am, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: Pokorny, Mendelssohn, Mozart.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice: Part 2. Gounod, Josef Strauss, Saint-Saens. 9.00, News. 9.05, Walton.† 9.50, Violin recital: Smetana, Duncan Druce, Sarasate.† 10.20, Organ Recital: Cabanilles, Lübeck, Robin Milford, Francis Jackson, Messiaen.† 11.00, Recital: Schubert, Britten. 11.55, Alexander Zemlinsky.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Academy of the BBC: Part 1. Berkeley, Walton, Tchaikovsky.† 1.45, Reading. 1.50, Concert: Kodaly, Haydn.† 2.50, Fauré. 3.40, ... Records: ... Massenet.† 4.25, Lyadov, Scriabin.† 5.00, Choral Evensong from Guildford Cathedral. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound, continued. 6.30, Vient de Paraître. 7.00, Euromagazin. 7.30, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra: Part 1. Brahms. Martinu.† 8.10, The Arts Worldwide. 8.30, Concert: Part 2. Vaughan Williams. 9.20, Mrs Max—in Her Letters. 9.55, Concert: Part 1. Monteverdi and Stravinsky.† 10.40, Words . . . Don Cupitt. 10.45, Concert: Part 2.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, Parents and Children. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Round Britain Quiz. 11.30, Play. The Sixpenny Trick. 12.00, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27, Brain of Britain 1975. 12.55, Weather. 1.00 pm The World At One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play. The Death Watch. 4.00, News. 4.05, The Great Charlie: appreciation of Sir Charles Chaplin. 4.35, Story Time: Among the Elephants. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Twenty Questions. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, What Ho, Jeeves. 8.15, The Last Secret: British involvement in the forcible repatriation of Cossacks who fought on the German side during the war. 9.15, Artistic Licence. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: Father and Son. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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BIRTHS

BUCKEL.—On July 19th at Poole, to Sandra and Stephen—a son, Christopher.

CHARTELL.—On July 18th, at the North Middlesex Hospital to Jill and Robbie—a son, first grandchild to Joy, widow of the late Jerry Collins-Frost.

DAVY.—On July 21st at St. Teresa's Hospital to Donagh (nee Comlyn-Jones) and Peter—a son (Patrick Morris).

FAIRLIE-CLARKE.—On 21st July to Diane (nee Green) and Anthony—a son (Allan Richard).

GOLDMAN.—On July 19th, at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, to Anne and Tony—a son (Timothy Oliver).

GRAZEBROOK.—On July 21, to Elizabeth (nee Gould) and George Grazebrook — a daughter (Joanna).

HILLIER.—On July 16th, at Lincoln, to Graham and Candia—a son (Tristram Charles Edward).

LAYTON.—On July 16, to Anne (nee Plummer) and James Layton —a daughter (Rebecca Mary), sister for Kate.

LINDSAY-FYNN.—On July 22nd, at The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Heavitree), Exeter, to Helene and Nigel—a son. New address Lee Ford, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

LOFTS.—On 20th July to Rosemary and Clive Lofts—a daughter (Sibylla Norah).

MERRINGTON.—On July 21st, to Genevieve and Rodney—a son (James), a brother for Oliver and Charles.

MARRIAGES

ACZEL : RICHARDSON.—On July 19th, quietly, in Manchester, Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs George Aczel, of 121 Mount Street, London, W.1, to Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Richardson, of 20 Westfield Grove, Wakefield, Yorkshire.

GAWTHROP : GOTO. — On July 19th, 1975, at the Queen's College Chapel, Oxford, Peter, son of Mr and Mrs J. Gawthrop, of Chator Moor, Cumbria, to Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. E. Goto, of Acton, London.

SCOTT : LEWIS.—On Saturday, 19th July, 1975, at the Priory Church, Christchurch, John Russell Scott to Catherine Anne Lewis.

SHARMAN : JACKSON.—On July 19, 1975, in Dudley, John Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sharman, of Datchworth, Hertfordshire, to Helen Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard F. C. Jackson, of Dudley, West Midlands.

SPROT : GUARD.—On Friday, July 18th, at Lewes, Geoffrey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Sprot, Stravithie, Fife, to Belinda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Guard, Ryders Wells House, Lewes, Sussex.

DEATHS

ADAMS.—On July 18, 1975, Sophie Adams, mother of James and Sally, after a short illness. Funeral Westfield Road Cemetery, Harpenden, Friday, July 25. No flowers, donations to Cancer Research.

BANKES.—On July 18th, 1975, at Soughton Hall, Northop, Clwyd, peacefully, after a brief illness, in his 89th year, Robert Wynne Bankes, C.B.E., K.St.J., dearly loved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Interment at St. Peter's, Northop, after cremation. Both private. No flowers, letters, mourning or memorial service, at his own request.

BARNETT.—On July 19th, peacefully, in Burton Hospital, Phyllis, wife of Kenneth and mother of Ian and Peter. Funeral on 24th July at 6 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, Marchington. No flowers, donations to church.

BOX.—Suddenly on 19th July, at her home "Amberley", West End, Wedmore, Joan Doreen, beloved wife of B.D Box and mother of Jill and Ian. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Wedmore, 11 a.m., Friday, 25th July, followed by cremation at Weston-super-Mare; cut flowers, if desired, to the church, please.

CLARKE.—On 21st July, 1975, suddenly at his home, Ann Gollage, Burstall, Ipswich, Geoffrey Percival, aged 65 years, dearly loved husband of Constance and dear father of Vaughan, Howard and Trevor and dear Grandpa of Jennifer, Rebecca and Richard. Funeral service at Burstall Church on Thursday, 24th July, at 3 p.m.

COPLEY.—On July 20th, in hospital, Victoria Irene, of 8 The Paragon, Blackheath, who taught for many years in Dulwich. Beloved sister of Nelson Copley. Funeral service at St. Margaret's, Lee, at 1.15 p.m., Monday, 28th July, followed by burial at Brockley. Flowers to Chapel & Sons, 211 High Street, Bromley.

DELACOMBE.—On July 14, Rev., son of the late Colonel Harry Delacombe of Brighton.

DERRY.—On July 22nd, 1975, in Cheltenham, after a short illness, Douglas Charles Lawford, MB, BS, loved and loving husband of Peg and father of Anne MacGeorge. Funeral private. No flowers.

EDWARDS.—On July 21, at Lusaka, Zambia, in hospital following a very short illness, Albert, lovingly known to all as Ted or Bert. Dear husband of Gladys, father of David and Philip, brother of Hilda and Frederick John. Service on July 24 Funeral Directors—Ambassador, Lusaka.

GOFF.—On July 20th, 1975, at home in Cambridge, Barbara Denman, wife of Eric Noel Porter Goff and mother of Robin and William. Funeral inquiries to W. Eaden Lilley and Co., Cambridge 58822.

GREEN. — On July 19th, 1975, Truda Green, widow of Wilfred Green, of Arnworth Lodge, Jersey, C.I. (formerly of Derbyshire and Cornwall). Enquiries for funeral arrangements and flowers to G. F. Grand Ltd., Funeral Directors, 59 Don Road, Jersey. Telephone Jersey Central 33330.

KERR.—On July 21st, 1975, Peter James, dearly loved son of Ellen Kerr and brother of Andrew Kerr. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium, on Friday, July 25th, at 11.30 a.m.

KING.—On 21st July, peacefully, in Liverpool, Gertrude Mabel (nee Goodridge), aged 93, widow of William Wilfrid King, F.R.C.S., of Bath and Sheffield. Much loved mother of Helen, Philip, Wilfrid and Monica. Requiem Mass at St Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, Friday, 25th July, at 12.40 p.m., followed by interment at City Road Cemetery. Enquiries to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield. R.I.P.

LAMBERT.—On July 18th, Elizabeth Annie, beloved mother of John. Requiem at St. Patrick's, Hove, July 25th at 11 a.m.

LOWDELL.—On 21st July, at home, Theo, wife of Kenneth, and mother of Jane, John, Paul, Robert, Anna and Frances. "Loving and beloved." Funeral, Thursday at 2.30, St Mark's, Little Common. Flowers to Mummery, Undertakers, Bexhill.

LOWY.—On July 22nd in his 81st year, Joseph Ernest Lowy of St Katherine's, Upper Froyle, near Alton, Hants., beloved husband of Dita and son of the late Ernest Lowy. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, N.W.11, Friday, July 25th at 2.15 p.m. Please no flowers or letters.

MORGAN GIBBON.—On July 22nd, suddenly and peacefully, Muriel, Bar at Law, of the Middle Temple and Connerkins Cottage, Amersham, daughter of the late Rev James Morgan Gibbon, aunt of Rear-Admiral J. A. Templeton-Cotill and much loved friend of Irene Radcliffe.

MURRAY.—On July 20, 1975, very peacefully after a long illness borne with such patience, Diona Vere (nee Stewart-Jones), beloved wife of Patrick and mother of David, Michael and Georgina, very much loved by many. Cremation private. Family flowers only. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held later in Chelsea.

POPE.—On July 21st, 1975, peacefully at his home, William George Smith Pope of 7 Willowbed Drive, Chichester, the beloved husband of Ivy and dear father of David and Rosemary, in his 90th year. Service 3 p.m. on Friday, July 25, at St. Mary's Church, Wayke, Chichester.

SILLITOE.—On 22nd July, 1975, peacefully, Edith Maud, beloved wife of the late Harry Sillitoe, dear mother of Jean Moeller and loved and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Enquiries to: L. Fulcher Ltd., 10 Whiting Street, Bury St. Edmunds. Telephone 4044.

SIMMS. ROGER STORRS, MA FSA —On 22nd July, 1975, in St Helen's Hospital, Hastings, after a long illness, aged 69 years. Cremation at Hastings, Friday 25th July, at 4 p.m. Enquiries to: Barden & Sons Ltd., Pett 5161.

SMALLEY.—On July 21st, 1975, suddenly, at Bar Beacon, Instow, Frances Dorothea, aged 75, widow of the late A. Ashton Smalley. Funeral at Instow Parish Church, on Monday, 28th July, at 11.30 a.m., followed by cremation at Barnstaple. No letters please. Family flowers only, but donation may be sent to Lloyds Bank, Bideford, for Instow Parish Hall Fund.

VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS.—On July 22nd, 1975, peacefully in a nursing home near Newbury, Commander Hugh Laurence Vaughan-Williams, Royal Navy (retired), in his 82nd year. Cremation private, memorial service to be arranged later.

IN MEMORIAM

BELL, SIR STANLEY, O.B.E., J.P., D.L., died July 23, 1973.—Never far away.

MUST.—In tender memory on this his 70th birthday of my beloved husband, John Stuart Must, priest, who died on November 30th, 1974.—Katrine.

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BARNOVITCH. SIDNEY BARNOVITCH, late of 55 Rampart Street, London E1, died at Whitechapel, London E1 on 22nd July 1974. (Estate about £7,500.)

DAVIS. CHARLES EDWARD DAVIS, late of 25 St. Leonards Road, Prince Rock, Plymouth, Devon, died at Plymouth on 2nd March 1975. (Estate about £2,600.)

DRAYTON. AMY DRAYTON, spinster, late of 27 Moreton Crescent, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury, was found dead there on 10th December 1973. (Estate about £2,600.)

ENNIS. MARY CHRISTINA ENNIS otherwise MARY CHRISTINA JOSEPHINE ENNIS, spinster, late of 95 Saunders Street, Gillingham, Kent, died at Rochester, Kent, on 28th October 1974. (Estate about £8,000.)

FOSTER. WILLIAM FOSTER, late of "Lawns View", High Street, Belton, Humberside, died there on 30th December 1974. (Estate about £3,500.)

KEIGHLEY nee PIMBLETT, ELSIE GWENDOLINE KEIGHLEY nee PIMBLETT, widow, late of 39 Green Lane, Chinley, Derbyshire, died in Chinley on 28th April 1974. (Estate about £3,400.)

MALABAR. WILLIAM ARNOLD MALABAR, late of 56 Langsett Avenue, Sheffield, died at Sheffield on 13th March 1974. (Estate about £2,500.)

MUNDY. ROBERT JOHN MUNDY, late of 12 Monro House, 116 Fitzjohns Avenue, Hampstead, London NW3, died there on 26th September 1974. (Estate about £27,000.)

SMITH, nee GALLOWAY, BERTHA SMITH, nee GALLOWAY, widow, late of 57 Main Street, Hilton, Derbyshire, died at Belper, Derbyshire on 27th November 1974. (Estate about £3,450.)

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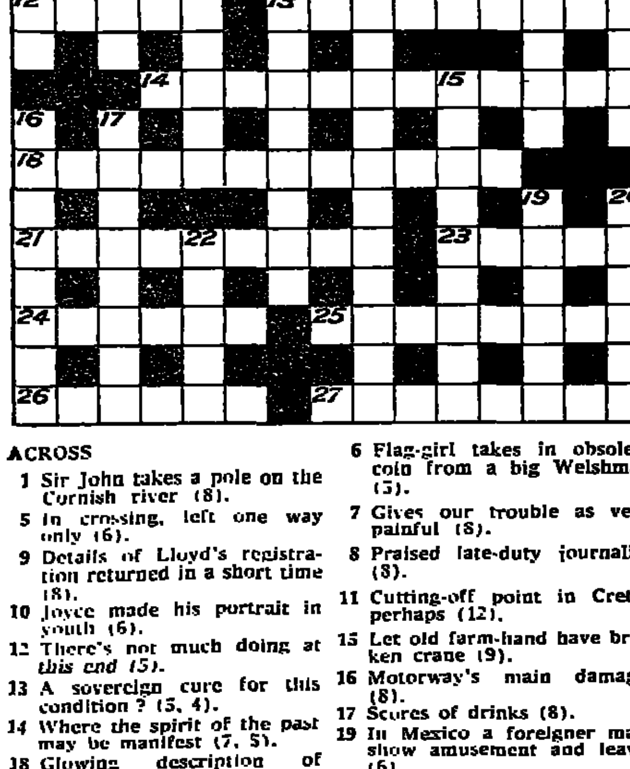
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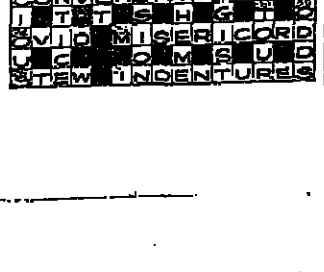
ACROSS

1 Sir John takes a pole on the Cornish river (8).
5 In crossing, left one way only (6).
9 Details of Lloyd's registration returned in a short time (8).
10 Joyce made his portrait in youth (6).
12 There's not much doing at *this end* (5).
13 A sovereign cure for this condition ? (5, 4).
14 Where the spirit of the past may be manifest (7, 5).
18 Glowing description of petrol air-drop ? (12).
21 Overhauls—the trawler's profits thus increased ? (7, 2).
23 This show strikes an unusual note (5).
24 No place for outsiders to be, essentially ? (6).
25 Gains a charming little son (8).
26 Jeremy (whom a king changes into a bird) (6).
27 Punting at apparently incompatible times (4-4).

DOWN

1 More dangerous kind of bear (Kipling) (6).
2 City taking pride in its gardens (6).
3 Tenth counter-point from church's store (5, 4).
4 Open anger, by gum ! (12).
6 Flag-girl takes in obsolete coin from a big Welshman (5).
7 Gives our trouble as very painful (8).
8 Praised late-duty journalist (8).
11 Cutting-off point in Crete, perhaps (12).
15 Let old farm-hand have broken crane (9).
16 Motorway's main damage (8).
17 Scores of drinks (8).
19 In Mexico a foreigner may show amusement and leave (6).
20 Aircraft ready for wealthy travel-group ? (3, 3).
22 Gang of nomads smashed by Herod (5).

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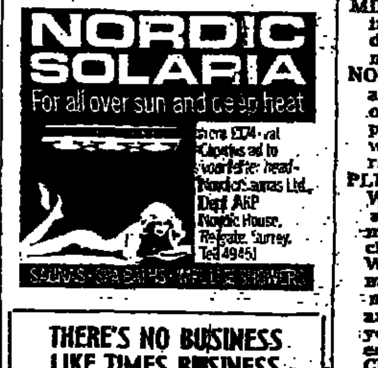
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